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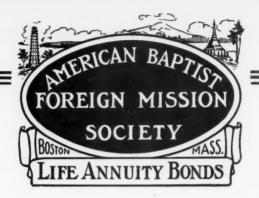
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Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy . . . for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Clory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and good will among men.





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### Missions Wishes You Merry Christmas!

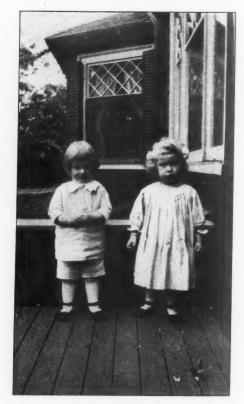
THIS Christmas issue brings you Missions in pictures to an unwonted degree. Many families of missionaries greet you, and many phases of missionary work are illustrated. May this issue find its way to many new homes and bring to all of us a new sense of the significance to all peoples of the Gospel's glad hymn of joy.

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## Merry Christmas!!



FRANCIS CLARK AND RUTH EMERSON CHASE

The Twin Grandchildren of Dr. and Mrs. Francis E. Clark





MARY JOSEPHINE ESTEP



WHO CAN TELL WHAT A BABY THINKS?

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#### Three of the Little Ones

Here is a little Indian girl, an orphan adopted by the Government Superintendent at the Crow Agency, Major Estep, and his wife, and thus given a home and love and bright future. She shows what a dear little thing she is. And the white child on this same page, born into a Christian home and an adoring family circle, also wears her character in her face. She is rightly named "Little Sunshine," for that she is in the home. "Who can tell what a baby thinks?" carries its own story.



LITTLE MARGARET WEDDELL

#### Some of the Missionary Children



MISCHIEF - NO DRUM

Little Mischief is a Japanese boy and has smashed the head of his drum, much to his sorrow. Another picture shows him smilling, with a new drum. It was not printed clearly enough to make a good reproduction. however.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Here I am, all safe though not always quiet, while papa and mamma are busy with other and bigger folks. I am helping them all I can, but do not always like it.

Two very merry little folks are we Perched for our pictures up in a tree Snug and happy as we can be.



LOUISE AND DOROTHY DARROW

These are the daughters of Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Darrow, of Moulmein, Burma. The picture was taken at Simlum. There is now a baby Darrow, named after Helen Barrett Montgomery.



JAMES KELLER SMITH

This little man of Rangoon, Burma, is evidently in favor with his environment.



A TYPICAL AMERICAN MOTHER



HERE IS A GRANDFATHER IN INDIA OPPOSITE ONE IN AMERICA. HUMAN NATURE IS ONE IN BOTH LANDS



WILLIAM SHIELDS AND CHINESE PLAYMATES AT YACHOWFU, W. CHINA



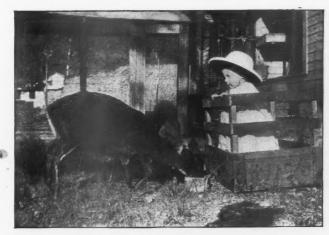
DR. O. P. GIFFORD'S GRANDCHILD IS BOUND TO PULL THE PREACHER'S BEARD

#### Just Gone Back to Their Work in Africa



DR. H. OSTROM AND WIFE, AND HELEN MARGARET, THIRTEEN MONTHS OLD

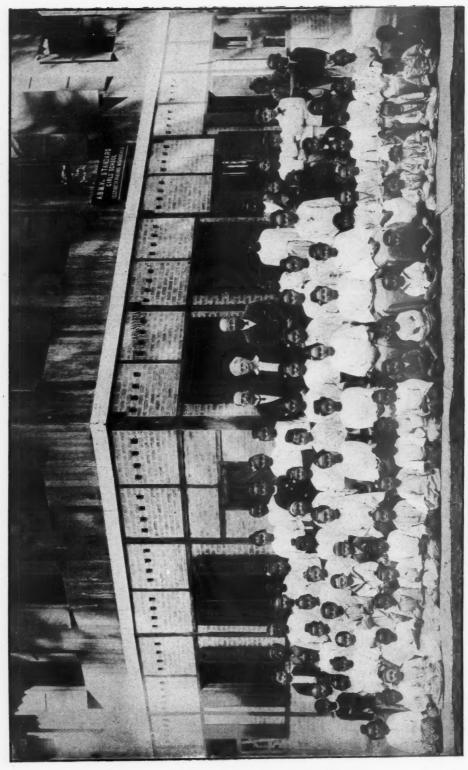
Dr. Ostrom and his wife have just started on their return to Ikoko, Africa, after spending their furlough mostly in Minnesota, whence they went to the field. A Swede, this medical missionary represents his race admirably, and his fine face bears its own stamp of the noble man. Mrs. Ostrom is an equally creditable representative of strong and devoted womanliness. Think of the struggle at having to leave this beautiful thirteen months' old baby to the care of others - loving care, to be sure, but not a mother's. And the mother has to face the likelihood of being forgotten by her little one, for years will probably elapse before another return can be made to this country. The Editor had the pleasure of a talk with Mrs. Ostrom at the Rooms, on the day of her departure, and speaking of the parting from her child, she said this was necessary, as it would not be possible for the baby to live in Ikoko. It would not be safe to attempt to live in that climate before a person reached maturity and had health thoroughly established. Then, if physical reasons did not prevent, there were others that would be sufficient. So it was one of the sacrifices that must be made in view of the vast needs of the poor people who were without the gospel and without medical aid. Surely this picture will carry home to many a heart the self-giving of the missionaries who must leave their children in America. More prayer should be offered for them, and every effort should be made to surround their children with love and happiness-making all possible reparation for the parents' absence. And we should see to it also that the Ostroms have all needed equipment for their work.



HENRY RIVENBURG AND DEER AT KOHIMA, ASSAM. SON OF REV. S. W. RIVENBURG, M.D., AND WIFE, ON FURLOUGH 1N 1916



This is a fine illustration of the way the Japanese babies are carried, often by mere girls



AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSION: GIRLS' MIDDLE VERNACULAR SCHOOL, SACAING, BURMA, REV. AND MRS. ERNEST GRIGG, AND MR. ALGIE, DISTRICT (SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, ARE THE THREE EUROPEANS. NOTE THE INTERESTING FACES OF THE CHILDREN.

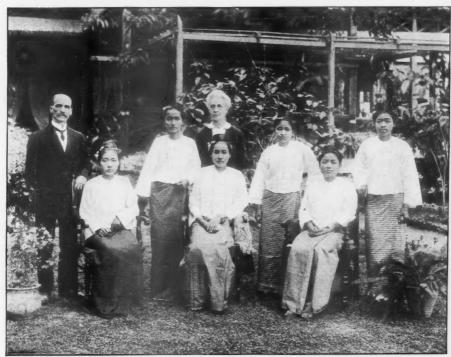
#### In Our Missions Schools is Hope for the Future



CHILDREN SWINGING ON THE PLAYGROUND OF THE SCHOOL AT GAUHATI

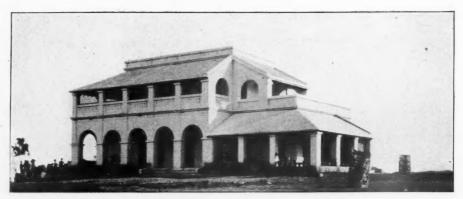


MISS ELIZABETH VICKLAND AND A NATIVE ORPHAN AT GAUHATI, ASSAM



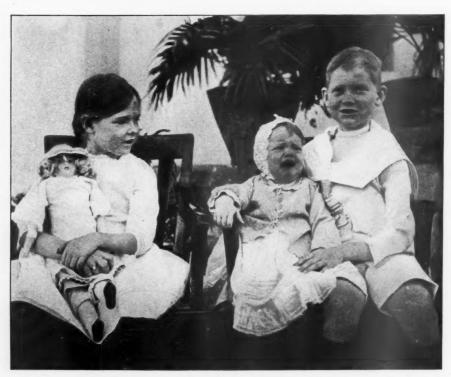
MR. AND MRS. GRIGG AND SCHOOL STAFF. SAGAING, BURMA

The Griggs went out in 1892, and have spent nearly twenty-five years in the work at Sagaing, a strong Buddhist center on the Irrawaddy, directly opposite the old capital of Ava. A secondary and primary school are maintained for girls, in a population of 312,000.



GADVAL MISSION BUNGALOW - HOME OF THE HUIZINGAS

The picture above is the home of Rev. and Mrs. G. J. Huizinga in Gadval (Gud-väl'), South India. They began their work in India in 1900, and the Gadval mission was started in 1903. This is the most western of our South India stations. It has been 33 miles from a railway, but is soon to be an important station on a new line from Hyderabad to Gadag. The population of the field is 153,000. We have 6 churches, 2,940 members, and 14 schools. Dr. W. A. Stanton, of Kurnool, is in charge of the general work; Mr. and Mrs. Huizinga have been in this country on furlough for a year past, and are ready to return to India as soon as arrangements can be made with the British Government for their passage. The cement verandas, required for protection from the excessive heat, make the house seem much larger and grander than it is.



CHILDREN OF REV. AND MRS. HUIZINGA, DOROTHEA ALBERTA, RUTH AND JAMES. THE BABY
18 OPPOSED TO SNAPSHOTS, MUCH TO THE AMUSEMENT OF THE BROTHER AND SISTER.



Children of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Cummings of Henzada, Burma, and of Rev. and Mrs. H. I. Marshall of Tharrawaddy, Burma, enjoying an open air breakfast. Note the little fellow in the waste basket — evidently destined to be an editor.



With the group of American children above, contrast this group of little Japanese, who form the Zenrin Red Cross First Aid. From earliest years the Japanese are trained in such ways as this, which develop skill and obedience and useful service.

#### Some Missionary Children Worth Seeing



Mrs. A. C. Bowers and children, as they were in 1911, when this picture was taken during a homeland visit. Mr. Bowers went to Goalpara, Assam, in 1907, and is in charge of the general work of the station, assisted by his wife. The population in his field is 624,000; we have 4 churches, 231 members, and 5 primary schools. Work is carried on among the Assamese, Bengalis, Rabhas and Garos. Mr. Bowers makes evangelistic tours by means of his motor launch, the "Grace," thus utilizing the river to reach the remote tribes.



Children of Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Paul, of Nowgong, Assam, as they were in 1910. Mr. Paul has been in Assam since 1894 and was on furlough in 1916. This made one of the most charming groups sent to the Rooms.



Rev. A. J. Weeks, of Moulmein, Burma, and family — Norma, Eleanor and George — taken in 1912. Mr. Weeks first went out in 1905, and was here in 1912. The family separations are the missionaries' daily cross.



Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Dowd and family, Dorothea, Bernard, Leslie W., and baby Gaylord. Mr. Dowd's station is Impur, Assam. He went out first in 1900; was home in 1914



Rev. A. S. Adams and family, of Hopo, South China. Mr. Adams began his work in 1904. This group was taken in 1913, when he was home on furlough; baby Joseph then a year old.

#### Scenes Among the Crow Indians of Montana



The children learn to ride as soon as they can toddle, and it comes naturally to them. The ponies are intelligent and know their owners. Genevieve Petzoldt, our missionary's daughter, can ride with the best of them and loves a wild scamper over the fields.



MRS. OLD CRANE AND FAMILY, MEMBERS OF THE CROW INDIAN CHURCH AT PRYOR, MONTANA

The cooking is done out of doors in summer, and the tepee life is good because of the fresh air. A warm welcome awaits the missionary and the visitor in this Christian home, where the parents are walking in the Jesus Way; while the children are pupils in our Mission School.



RIDES THE WHITE-HIPPED HORSE AND WIFE AND BABY, TAKEN WITH MRS. PETZOLDT AND MRS. WESTFALL, WHO APPEARS IN A WAR CHIEF'S BONNET AT LODGE GRASS



THIS IS THE WAY THE CROW INDIANS SPREAD THEIR PICNIC LUNCHES ON TABLE CLOTHS
LAID ON THE GROUND OF THE MISSION COMPOUND

#### Pictures for the Juniors



COMPANY OF MONO INDIANS AND THE EDITOR AT DUNLAP, CALIFORNIA, TAKEN IN THE MISSION GROUNDS ON CHAPEL DEDICATION DAY



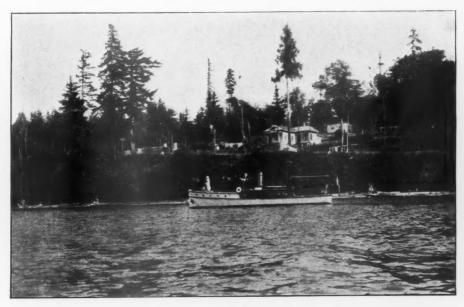
MRS. CLARA RIDES THE WHITE-HIPPED HORSE

A member of the Crow Indian Baptist Church in Lodge Grass.

#### A Children's Group

When the Editor of Missions visited the Mono Indians at Dunlap, on the occasion of dedicating a chapel there, the children were shy at first when the photographer appeared with his camera; but after a while they consented to have their pictures taken, and here is the result. It is a pity the faces came out so dark, for they are full of character. One result of that day's work, as already chronicled in Missions, was the initial movement to secure an automobile for the missionary, Rev. J. G. Brendel, whose work has been greatly extended by the use of the car, which was dedicated last spring. The Indian woman in the lower picture is a faithful member of the Crow Indian Church at Lodge Grass, Montana, where Rev. W. A. Petzoldt continues his influential service, looking after three mission stations and aiding in the building up of the white church at Lodge Grass as well.

#### Where the Gospel Cruisers Ply and the Result



THE "ROBERT G. SEYMOUR" IN FRONT OF THE HOME OF MR. AND MRS. E. A. SPRIGGS, AT CAPITOL POINT, ON HOOD CANAL. MRS. HOWELL IS ON THE FORWARD DECK.

This work, like that of the Chapel Cars, attracts the attention of many who, would not otherwise heed an invitation to a religious meeting or a church service. In addition to that, it carries the gospel to places where there are no churches and where religious destitution is an appalling fact.



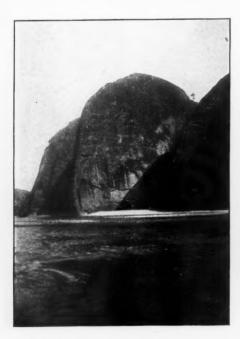
Missionary Howell officiating at baptism after an all-day meeting at Cornet, Whidby Island, Washington. The Gospel Cruiser "Robert G. Seymour" is in the distance.

#### MISSIONS

#### Where Travel in China is Exciting Enough



SHOOTING A RAPID ON THE WAY TO LIU CHA — SOUTHERN KIANG-SI See Story of Chinese Travel by Mrs. Clark on page 917



along the river on the way to liu  ${\tt CHA \longrightarrow SOUTHERN \ \ KIANG-SI}$ 



#### Two Glimpses of Our Neighbor, Mexico



THE WHITE PEAK OF POPOCATAPETL CAN JUST BE MADE OUT ON THE HORIZON, AS SEEN FROM THE TABLELAND



MEXICO HAS A CIVILIZATION OF ITS OWN. THIS IS THE COURT OR PATIO OF A HOME OF COMFORT AND WEALTH



WHAT A TORNADO DID AT GAUHATI, ASSAM

(1) School girls and a teacher trying to dry their clothing, books, etc. (2) Our bearer and his wife drying their bedding and clothing, with their broken-down house just behind them.
(3) Wreckage of the building used as a hostel for two college boys.

#### I. Here are Some Children in China



YOUNG MISS CHINA IN CALESTHENICS DRILL — ALSO TWO LITTLE AMERICANS, CHILDREN OF OUR MISSIONARIES

The Chinese take readily to the school athletics and our ideas of play which are much needed.

#### II. And Here are some Children in America



PRIMARY DEPARTMENT OF KINDERHOOK BAPTIST CHURCH, KINDERHOOK, ILL.

The Chinese girls look odd to us in their costumes, but doubtless the dress of our girls seems quite as odd to them. The little girl on the table is plainly having a good time. All Christian effort unites in seeking the welfare of the children.



OUR HOME MISSION WORK AMONG THE HUNGARIANS AT PERTH AMBOY, NEW JERSEY. THE ORCHESTRA IS IN THE FRONT ROW



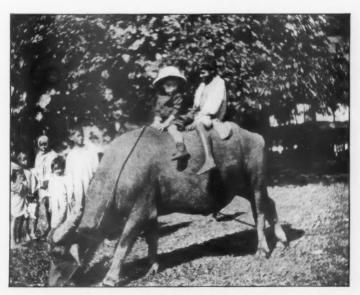
A WATCHNIGHT SERVICE AT THE ONLY NORWEGIAN CHURCH IN BOSTON

#### What the Missionaries' Boys Do in Assam



DONALD TANQUIST AMONG HIS PETS AT KOHIMA

Donald is the son of Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Tanquist, who went to Assam in 1912. Kohima (pronounced Ko-he'-mah), is the seat of government for the Nagas, a hill tribe.



CHARLES W. KIRBY AND NATIVE BOY ON BUFFALO AT SADIYA

Rev. H. W. Kirby, M.D., went to Assam in 1902, and Mrs. Kirby joined him in 1906. Both were home on furlough in 1915. Sadiya is in the extreme northeast, on a main pass to Tibet. The chief work is for the Abors and Miris. A motor boat is used effectively.

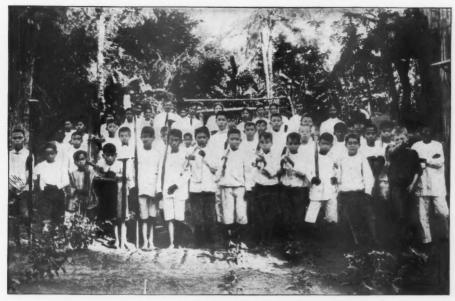


OFFICERS AND TEACHERS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN CHRISTIANIA, NORWAY



EX-SLAVES CELEBRATING EMANCIPATION DAY AT BISHOP COLLEGE. MARSHALL, TEXAS

#### Our School Work in the Philippine Islands



Some gardeners from grades 3, 4 and 6. Lito Maxfield has the gun. The teacher, Mr. Arozi, is between Mr. Maxfield and Miss Stanard in the rear. Seed shed in back. Boys raise corn, beans, beets, peanuts, tomatoes, squash, egg plant, pechay, radishes, onions, endive, roselle and flowers.



These boy teachers have done full work as teachers and studied second-year high evenings. They passed government examinations well. Miss Stanard is in the center with two of the girls. Read what Miss Stanard says on page 934.



TWENTY-THREE OF THESE FIGURES SHOW THE COSTUMES OF SOUTH INDIA

#### MISSIONS' SANCTUM SANCTORUM AND THE EDITOR AT HIS DESK

SO many requests have come from friends who say they would like to visualize the habitat of Missions, so that they may have an idea of the place where the magazine is made, that we have had this picture taken, with the Editor at work at his desk, which does not always look as neat as on this occasion, since manuscripts and correspondence will get the upper hand during the week of make-up, when pretty much everything has to stand aside. The effect of the right side of the room was unavoidably marred by the impossibility of getting space enough to work the flashlight. The feature of chief interest is the remarkable shelf at the top on the left side, which serves as a frieze, and we venture to say cannot be duplicated this side of the sea. Owing to the kindness of Dr. Timpany of South India, who collected these figures, and left them in our care, there are twenty-three figures in colors, illustrating the costumes worn by the different people in India, The work is thoroughly artistic, and the figures represent soldiers, police, civil officers, agriculturists, flower and fruit peddlers, musicians, carriers and venders of various sorts,





ANOTHER VIEW OF THE INDIA FIGURES, WHICH REPRESENT ALL CLASSES

and workmen. The frieze on the right is composed of framed covers of Missions. On top of the bookcases on the right are three folk-figures of crude execution, showing the art attempts of a hill tribe, with a bronze Buddha. On the further wall our attractive Poster shows, with the Indian mother and child above it. The Hammond typewriter is the Editor's indispensable companion. Books and exchanges fill all available space in the part of the room which you do not see; but friends will notice that there is a comfortable chair ready for them, and we assure them a cordial welcome. It may interest you to note that through the open window, in the lower left corner, you see a dormer window in the building across the street, and on the right chimney-pots very like those so ubiquitous in London. "Merry Christmas!" to you all, from the Sanctum.



THE CHRISTMAS TREE AS THEY HAVE IT IN ASSAM AND BURMA. AUDIENCE OF 700 TO 800 PEOPLE ALL THOROUGHLY ENJOYING THE CELEBRATION

#### An Auspicious Event

Announcement of the wedding day of Rev. Raphael C. Thomas, M.D., and Miss Norma R. Waterbury, on November 11, 1916, brought congratulations from a very wide circle, not confined to this side of the

a missionary, she won in her freshman year at Radcliffe the Sargent prize given by Harvard for the best metrical translation of one of Horace's odes—a prize only twice won by a woman. After graduation she studied a year in Germany; 'then



NORMA R. WATERBURY



REV. RAPHAEL C. THOMAS, M.D.

sea. Especial joy was felt, indeed, by our missionaries and people in the Philippines, where Dr. Thomas had spent ten fruitful years, because this was to mean his return to his former field at Iloilo as a medical missionary; while it also meant an additional missionary worker of rare equipment for wide service.

Miss Waterbury, daughter of Norman Mather and Lucy M. Waterbury, was born in Yercaud, Madras Presidency, India. Yercaud is a beautiful summer resort in the hills. She was educated in the Newton Centre Grammar and High Schools, spent one year in Radcliffe, and graduated at Vassar in 1904. As an indication of her linguistic ability, which means so much to

taught German for a year at Walnut Hill School; and later studied in France. But her chief work in recent years has been to take charge of the household duties so as to leave her mother (Mrs. Peabody) free for the demands made upon her by the missionary societies of all the denominations, our own Woman's Foreign Society of course having chief place in her thought. In 1913-14 Miss Waterbury went around the world with her mother and Mrs. Montgomery and daughter. One result of this was the charming missionary book "Around the World with Jack and Janet," written for the Central Committee on the United Study of Foreign Missions - a book that has had a remarkable sale.

Another was a personal dedication to missionary service. What this should be was a question. She felt for a long time that she was not adapted to teaching or preaching, hence could not undertake ordinary mission work. Her trip convinced her that other forms of service are needed, especially the practising of Christianity on the mission field. Unprofessional settlement work appealed to her, and she had decided to go to China and establish a model home, which would be open to women and girls for inspection and imitation. While this plan was interrupted by an event that made a model home more practicable, and while China will not be her field, the Philippines will gain greatly by the change, as she will endeavor to make an attractive social settlement in her own home in Iloilo, in the hope that she may in this way help the women, particularly those of the families reached by Dr. Thomas in his medical work. The arrangement seems quite ideal, with large realization possible.

Dr. Thomas is not unknown to readers of Missions. He is the son of the late Dr. Jesse B. Thomas, and after graduation at Harvard took, the course in theology at Newton and in medicine at Harvard Medical School, thoroughly preparing himself for a medical missionary's work. He went out to the Philippines in 1904, being first stationed at Capiz, then transferred to the Union Hospital at Iloilo. He was noted for his evangelical zeal, and added personal work to his medical, overtaxing his

energies under constant stress of work. He returned to this country in 1914, and has had two pastorates, the last at the Second Avenue Church in New York—the city mission church with its polyglot membership, where he has been most successful. This important work he leaves to go back to Iloilo, having the conviction that nowhere else can he make his life count for so much, or serve where his service is so much needed. He will be able to continue his evangelistic and social work, especially among the schoolboys and girls, with the aid of his wife, consecrated to the same ideals.

It is worthy of note that this is the voluntary choice of life work on the part of two of our most accomplished and thoroughly trained Christian workers, who have looked thoughtfully over the fields of usefulness and decided upon their course intelligently and from a deep sense of duty and privilege alike. We speak of this, too, because this is the type of American manhood and womanhood demanded by the cause in foreign lands. We must give of our best if the world is to be won for the Master. So Missions joins with the many who offer congratulations and godspeed, and who rejoice not only in the happiness of the bride and groom, but also in the fact that they will find among the Filipinos their opportunities for the healing of souls and bodies, and for genuine aid in the building up of a stable Christian civilization. Wherever they labor, they will impress a genuine Christianity.



UNION HOSPITAL AT ILOILO, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS



#### Christmas

ONCE more comes round the season that brings joy and cheer to people in all lands. That could not have been said fifty years ago, because there were then lands that had no knowledge of the Babe of Bethlehem or the story of that wonderful Life that had brought into being the Christian nations. But now through the progress of missionary effort there is no land beneath the sun that has not some knowledge of the glad tidings of great joy — of the Christ who has made Christmas mean so much.

What does Christmas mean to you? This is a most significant question just now. Twenty centuries after Jesus was born and taught His new doctrines and wrought His marvelous works and brought salvation to men, it is still true that even in so-called Christian countries there are many people and many things that are far from Christian. War is now ravaging the nations of the Old World. Evils abound in all lands. In the face of all that is occurring, and of present conditions, it is worth while to ask, how much real place has Christmas in my life?

Worth while, because this measures your value spiritually. If Christ lives in you, then Christmas brings you fullness of joy, because it recalls and symbolizes all that makes your life of worth to you and the world. If the Christ Spirit is regnant in your daily life, then you are a factor in the development of righteousness, peace, justice and love among men. Then you are a helpful citizen, a true friend and neighbor, a missionary giver,

a church member of service, a disciple of the witnessing type.

If Christmas is significant to us, we shall wish to make it a like time of remembrance, joy and inspiration to others, and especially to those who have no heritage like ours, no past of nationality or Christianity to appeal to. We venture to suggest to some of our readers that if they desire to have one of the happiest Christmas experiences of their lives, they secure the name of some missionary and send a Christmas card and loving Christian greeting. That is enough for the be-ginning. The answer will bring the gladness, and establish a personal relationship that may grow into a substantial help to the worker on the field. Why not establish a multitude of such correspondence aids between missionaries and members in our churches? Why not make this Christmas memorable for yourself in that way?

Send for the annual reports of the societies, which give the names and addresses of missionaries, select some one, and take the first step in acquaintance. That will be a Merry Christmas to somebody, and will make this in a new sense a Merry Christmas for you. If this seems a small thing in comparison with the vast significance of Christmas in its larger bearings to the world, remember that it is just such little kindly acts as this that make life easier to live. To cheer a missionary toiler — only the Master knows what that might mean to His cause! Paul's great heart was cheered beyond measure because those Christians in pagan Rome thought enough of him to walk

out to meet him. Thoughtfulness and sympathy are mighty levers, and need to be much more used.

Thus Missions gives Christmas greetings to you, with this suggestion that you help extend the gladness to all parts of the world through your greetings to fellow-workers in the mission fields.



#### The True Remedy

THE Church Missionary Review (London) furnishes us this excellent editorial. The Church was built for a world task. It has a world message and world resources. The way to cure it when it is sick is to get it interested in the business for which it was created. And how is this to be done? (1) There must be informa-tion. "The brain of the Church must be packed with missionary ideas if the blood is to be enriched with missionary corpuscles." (2) Sanitary conditions must be put right; there must be a missionary atmosphere. This is the pastor's business. "Let him be convinced that the Bible is a missionary book, the Church a missionary society, Christianity a missionary religion, and himself a missionary messenger, and it will be impossible for him to preach without his people feeling the tug of the ends of the earth." (3) And, lastly, there must be exercise-missionary activities. "Information without activities may be as disastrous to a Church as feeding without exercise to an individual. The conclusion to which the above remarks lead is that foreign missions are as essential to the Christian as they are to the non-Christian world. They are as much the salvation of the Church at home as they are the hope of lands whose torch is still unlit.



#### What the Christian May Not Be

When Mazzini, the Italian reformer and patriot, entered Rome in 1849 he said, "In Rome we may not be moral mediocrities." What a word that is to every Christian. In the Church of Christ we may not be "moral mediocrities." Nor indeed in the world or anywhere. A moral mediocrity is a poor apology for a Christian in place of the men and women of moral might needed so sorely in every community just now.



#### Something to Think Over

We find the statement in the Watchman Examiner that in 1914 the Protestant church members in the United States and Canada gave to home mission work an average of fifty-four cents per member, and to foreign mission work seventy-one cents per member, or an average to missions of \$1.25. During the same time the population of the United States and Canada spent for tobacco \$1,200,000,000, or \$12.91 per capita; and for liquor \$2,000,000,000, or \$21.50 per capita. Surely there is plenty of money in the country to carry forward our missionary and philanthropic and world evangelization enterprises, if only we could get it out of that soul and body destroying drink column into the possession of the Christian people. At the same time we must confess that there is money enough, as it is, if we could get it out of the purses of the Christian professors who give nothing to missions.



THUS THE WISE MEN TOOK THEIR WAY TO WHERE THE INFANT JESUS LAY.



# NOTE AND COMMENT IN THE RESERVE OF T

¶ "Why is it that we continue to have witticisms perpetrated which find their point in a frivolous use of Holy Scripture?" Why indeed! But the question does not come from a convention in our country; it comes from Japan, and it is safe to say that the perpetrators were not Japanese.

¶ A Chair of Christianity has been established at the Imperial University of Tokio, Japan, by Baron Morimura, who gave 200,000 yen (\$100,000) for this purpose. He also financed the newspaper evangelistic campaign that brought Christian teaching daily to six million readers.

¶ The baptism of the wife of Dr. Sun Yat Sen by a Southern Baptist missionary is reported from Macao, where she has been living while her husband has been in Japan carrying on his revolutionary propaganda.

¶ Dr. Mabie has begun his eighth season of lectures in our colleges and seminaries. His aim this year will be to prepare the students of our country for Christian leadership in the great spiritual crisis that he believes will follow the end of the war in Europe. He is doing some of the best work of his useful life. No man among us has a broader or truer view of Christianity as a world-conquering religion.

¶ In order that the Baptist ministers of Vermont might have the benefit of participating in the Sunday meetings and at the same time holding a conference on evangelistic work in their state, Mr. Henry Bond at the last State Convention offered to defray the expenses of the pastors for a week in Boston. This was like Mr. Bond, who never does things by halves, and who is in and behind every good work in the Green Mountain State.

¶ It is stated that over two millions of Russian and other prisoners of war are interned in Germany, and now is the time to reach these men with the gospel. At home in Russia they cannot be reached,

because the government conditions do not permit. With time hanging heavily on their hands in the camp routine they welcome the copies of the Testament and the tracts, and this is the strategic hour for missionary work.

¶ When Dr. Timothy Richards finishes his "Reminiscences" of forty-five years in China, we shall have a book of rare value. No man has known China better or been more influential in shaping affairs at critical times than this English Baptist, whose name is honored throughout China.

¶ The first missionaries of the American Board reached Foochow, China, Jan. 2, 1847, and the Foochow Mission has been celebrating the seventy years of work. The first convert came in nine years, and in 1857 six more were received and a church was organized. Now there are 71 organized congregations, with 2,661 members and a constituency of 10,000. The offerings of the church last year amounted to \$10,000 (Mexican). There are 165 men and women engaged in evangelistic work and 222 in teaching, with 5,636 pupils in the Mission schools.

The Missionary Review of the World appears under its new management, with new cover design and the body of the magazine set in wide measure and very large type. Aside from the announcements and the changed appearance there is little to indicate that anything has happened to this excellent interdenominational advocate of missions. Not for purposes of comparison, but to show what our readers get, Missions gives the same number of pages (96) and nearly twice as much reading matter for only fifty cents a year, while the price of the Review is \$2.50. If we had the latter subscription price and the same number of subscribers as now, we should be contributing over \$75,000 a year to our missionary societies. Why not?





### A Modern Miracle

BY REV. A. L. STORY, SANTIAGO, CUBA

THAT is what some of our most staid people said; others that it was an instance of auto-suggestion; and others that it was just a coincidence. Whatever it was, no one thought of denying the incident. It was so clear and palpable that everybody, even those given to discrediting the idea of the supernatural, had to acknowledge that an unusual thing had really occurred. We give it to the reader for what it is worth so that he may judge for himself. We have our own opinion on the matter.

It was one of those beautiful Sabbath days, with clear blue sky and transparent atmosphere, that are seen only in southern countries. The children filled our assembly-room and sang their sweet gospel hymns with joy and vim. As they were singing away in the Sunday school, a poor cripple was struggling along the street. He was an old Spaniard, sick and suffering terrible pain, dragging himself along as best he could on a pair of crutches. He had been working on a sugar estate in the country. But the heat and the damp had completely incapacitated him. He had managed to come to town on the late train Saturday night to see if he could enter the hospital for treatment. Early Sunday morning he went to the emergency

hospital to get his ticket of admittance. Having arrived before the doctor had put in an appearance, the poor sick man was told to come back later at office hours.

Leaving the emergency hospital, therefore, he crept along till he got opposite the Baptist church where the children were singing. He stopped to listen. That was a new experience for him. He was attracted. Who would not be! Children's voices are like the voices of angels, and the man thought that as he had to wait for the doctor, he would go in to see what was going on in that building. With the greatest effort and pain he managed to climb the stairs to the assembly-room. So greatly was he crippled that it took him a couple of minutes to go across the room. Never had he been inside of a "Protestant" church before. Spaniards as a rule are very fanatical in religious matters. The man was tall and evidently had been strong in his well days. About sixty years of age, his face showed a good deal of natural intelligence. As soon as the opening exercises were over, he was conducted to the men's class, which was led by the pastor. Our lesson that day was "Christ: the Divine Healer." It was a beautiful lesson, displaying in all its wealth of teaching the power of Christ to cure

man's ailments. The lesson lent itself to the cripple's condition. It unfolded man's condition of helplessness and Christ's power to meet man's needs.

As the school assembled for the closing exercises, the man was deeply interested in all of the exercises. Especially attractive for him must have been the five minutes' review in which the pastor endeavored to bring out the thought of Christ's having come to heal the sick. The last hymn was sung, the benediction was said, and we all prepared to leave.

The cripple, seeing that the service was finished, made an effort to stand up, when, what was his surprise! All of the excruciating pain was gone and he stood upright, without the aid of his crutches. He took a few steps and with his face beaming with a strange light he began to walk. A man who had been sitting near him took up the crutches and went towards him to give them to him, but he refused them, saying, "I have no need for those things now." The people who had seen him walk in were surprised and began to ask him questions. With the greatest emotion he declared: "Friends, I came in here perfectly helpless. I could not take a single step. I do not understand what has happened to me, but this I know: that I came in here crippled and now I can walk; thank God." With that he walked firmly across the church hall in the sight of over a hundred witnesses. Great was the sensation, and it soon became noised about that a miracle had been performed in the "Protestant church."

The man kept coming, thankful for what had occurred to him, and not many weeks passed before he testified to the power of Christ to save. He was baptized, joined the church, and continues giving his testimony. Five years have passed since then, and the man is now working in the county without the slightest return of his disorder. I kept the crutches and they are of interest to those who visit ourmission. Had this incident occurred in a Romish church, the Papists no doubt would have made capital out of it. They would have erected a shrine to some saint, they would have had a glass case made for the crutches, and it would have been turned into a traffic for enriching some priest. We have told our story, vouching for it as strictly true. "It was not done in a corner." Each can form his own opinion. Mine is that the Lord touched that man and healed him for our good.



Congregation of the Baptist Church in Puebla, Mexico, where our missionaries have continued their work, as told in November Missions, through all the period of revolution and danger.



## A Chinese Travel Story

BY MRS. I. B. CLARK OF KINHWA

In this delightful sketch Mrs. Clark tells of the transfer from one mission field to another, giving us a vivid idea of what travel is like in China, and of varied experiences



EAVING Hanyang February 26th, we boarded a steamer bound for Shanghai. The Yangste River steamers plying between Hankow and Shanghai are as comfortable and commodious as any could wish. We reached Shanghai March 1st. Such

sights there were to bewilder the children! They had seen so little for such a long time, and what the older ones had seen at home nearly three years ago they had almost forgotten. Although we lived within an hour's distance of Hankow, where the children could have seen a little, the method of travel to and from Hankow made it seem unwise to take the children.

There were wheelbarrows, rickshas, various push-carts, big bicycles, little bicycles, motor-cycles, horses and carriages, automobiles, trolley cars, and last and most wonderful - a TRAIN. The first question was, Now can we go and see grandma? They had heard so often that we must travel by train as well as by steamer to grandma, that now their fondest hope seemed about to be realized. Alas! their disappointment. Then could we telephone? I shall not forget the wild glee

and sad disappointment of one of our boys . when Mr. Clark and myself had occasion to visit the American Consul at Hankow. We took Walter, and one of the first things he saw was the telephone. He clapped his hands and said, "O mama, here's a telephone, can I talk to grandma?"

America seems to contain little more than grandma and a few aunties and uncles

to the younger children.

The old "Never too old to learn" has been brought home to us again and again even on this short trip of four days on a native boat. We had been told that the men on this river would need both ends of the long boat open, in order to pilot. We thought this entirely unnecessary after traveling to West China (taking fifty days on native boat) in very rapid water, with whirlpools and rapids galore to lend excitement, change, - yes, and fear! The boat was piloted or captained by a man standing in the rear on a board across supports and looking over the top. We found however that as soon as we curtained our living apartment of the boat for privacy and hoping for a little more quiet, they insisted on the curtain being down. We did not have long to wait to know that it was not entirely necessary; as, for instance, early in the morning, even at five A. M., if they wanted to travel before our curtains could be removed, they traveled on and said nothing. This too when the dawn was scarcely visible. It was easier to look through the boat—and we were interesting!

These boats are long, what we used to call "U-pan" in West China, or freight-boats. But they have board bunks built in on each side. All above water-line is a coarse, loosely woven matting—so you mustn't load too heavily or you ship water. Instead of the boats being boarded under the beds or bunks, they are hollow, so that if your boards (which rest on a mere margin of a ledge) get misplaced, you go down through to the bottom. Mr. C. came within an ace of going through the first night.

One really exciting and very nearly disastrous thing did happen about two hours after boarding the native boat. We had arranged to be towed by launch as far as Tunglu in order to make the trip quicker, but this little event which might have been real disastrous has made us decide that we'll not be towed again. We were steaming up stream (or the launch was) at a great speed with out boat lashed close by and catching all the water that a launch usually "kicks up," as our children say. But we were catching something else too. The flying sparks from the launch came thick and fast through every crack and crevice, of which there were many, till it made us fearful. We cautioned one or two of the men to be on the lookout. Just then a large spark blew in on our youngest son's hat. I called quickly, fearing it would set fire, when a shout was heard outside and then more shouts. Our boat roof was on fire. Two or three men dipped up a bucket or two of water, another seized a mop and jumped on the roof and were able to put it out. Another moment and it would have been beyond control. A big wind, traveling fast, and a matting roof over a hollow boat, were all aids to rapid destruction. We were badly frightened but are thankful to our Heavenly Father for this wonderful deliverance. After that we had a man on the outside and one on the inside watching the rest of the way.

At night it rained, and it did not occur to us on retiring that our roof might leak. As usual, we left our clothes and various belongings around ready for immediate use in the morning. At two in the morning we heard some one climbing to the roof of the boat, fuss there awhile, then come down. Most of us found many of our garments wet through and unfit for use in the morning. My bedding was soaked; comfortables, blankets, etc., so wet that you could wring water from them.

Another thing that made us realize that you can't get ahead of the Chinaman: We saw a number of boxes of freight on board that did not belong to us. It was Sunday. We tied up, or rather didn't travel, inasmuch as we were our own boss. During the forenoon we saw the men busy opening box after box as calmly and deliberately as though it were their own, and took no notice. By and by we stopped and looked. To our surprise and disgust, they were taking out a cake of soap from each, then renailing the box. The boxes were banded with iron and supposed to be fairly safe so far as being molested is concerned. We saw these goods being unloaded at Lan Chi today and wondered what the merchant would think and say when he made the discovery. There were between twenty-five and thirty cases in

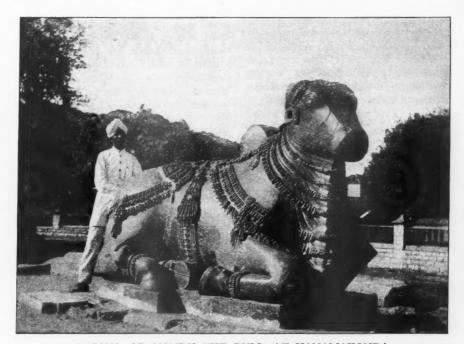
We sent a telegram off at Lan Chi telling day of expected arrival in Kinhwa. The next day we reached Kinhwa about four. From the time we neared Kinhwa until we anchored at the city gate, we kept a sharp lookout for whoever might be looking for us. We saw no one and began to wonder if all were sick or so busy that they couldn't take time off to meet "old missionaries." We waited awhile, then sent off a Kinhwa boy who was with us. Instead of going to the foreigners' home, he went to another city gate to see if it was a better place to anchor. We sent him off again and told him this time to go to Dr. Mackenzie and Mr. Cressy. By and by they came and said, Why this is Monday, your telegram said Tuesday. We joked them a good deal in spite of the fault being our own. So instead of the usual noise and rumpus made over the arrival of a new family, new or old, we went

up quietly and peacefully into the city and our future home.

Days and dates have a peculiar way of getting mixed when you are traveling and without a calendar. We are glad to report every one was well when we arrived, but it was not to remain so blissful for long. A little over a week's residence here found our children one by one suffering from chicken-pox, so we were quarantined for nearly six weeks. In the meantime a new little baby girl had come to the Mackenzies which we were all anxious to see. in quarantine, Mr. and Mrs. Cressy, who were also living in this home, kindly cared for us until we were able to manage. Then they left for Hangchow. Now we're a small community again but a harmonious one, and from what we have seen and are seeing daily, think there are big possibilities for Kinhwa. The one simply well nigh distracting handicap is the abominably different dialect. Of course there are those who speak Mandarin or "Kwan Hwa," but the "To Hwa" or common people's talk—the people we meet every day and like to talk with—cannot understand us, nor we them. This is discouraging after being in China nearly nine years. We hope in due time to get even these abrupt, guttural and unpleasing sounds called language.

Now that summer approaches, wish you could feel the heat in our attic. There have been as many as fifty-six leaks at one time. We shall be glad when the appropriation for iron roof arrives. It will make our home much more livable during the hot months we are here.

Mr. Clark left today to attend the "Evangelistic Retreat" at Hanchow. He's going to come back brimful of new ideas and plans, so you may expect good things from Kinhwa.



BASAVA, OR NANDY THE BULL, AT HANAMAKONDA

Rev. Frank H. Levering, of Secunderabad, Deccan, India, sends this photograph, with the following explanation: Lately I was in Hanamakonda and I took occasion to go to the old temple there known as the Thousand Pillared Temple. It is a Saivite temple and has some interesting things connected with it and some unusually fine carving on its pillars. There is an unusually fine carving of Basava, sometimes called Nandy, or the Bull. It is an emblem of the god Siva. I secured rather a good exposure and I send you a copy of the picture.

## THE MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES BENEFIT BOARD

#### Our Place in the Five Year Program

THE central of the five goals voted by the Northern Baptist Convention is an endowment of \$2,000,000 for the Ministers' and Missionaries' Benefit Board.

#### THE WORK OF THE BOARD

The Board was created by the Northern Baptist Convention in 1911. It was incorporated in 1913. Section 2 of the Act of Incorporation is as follows:

"The objects of the corporation shall be to administer its funds for the benefit of worthy Baptist ministers and missionaries, their wives, or widows, and their dependent children, either directly or through the medium of related organizations; to cooperate with such organizations in securing, so far as practicable, uniformity in the methods for the extension of such aid, to promote interest in the better maintenance of the ministry, and to adopt such measures to these ends as may be recommended by the Northern Baptist Convention."

Appointed by the Northern Baptist Convention it is composed of prominent ministers and laymen.

#### FACTS AND FIGURES

Total number of ministers and	
missionaries in Northern Bap-	
tist Convention (approximately)	13,000
Number estimated now in need,	650
Total grants by the Benefit Board	
and cooperating societies,	350
Total amount granted,	\$58,000
Number of States in which grants	
are made.	27
Highest grant,	\$400
Lowest grant,	\$100
650 grants at an average of \$20	
per month will require, per an-	
num,	\$156,000

#### SOME EXAMPLES

This is the appeal. Here is a frontier missionary eighty-one years old who has, by occasional supplies, managed to rent a few rooms as a home for his two daughters,—one a nurse and the other a dressmaker. He is now stricken with paralysis and so helpless that he cannot feed himself.

If his daughters stop work to care for him there is no income.

Or there is a minister in the East fiftyone years of age, stricken with total blindness. If he cannot see the light which the Ministers' and Missionaries' Benefit Board has given, he at least can feel it. Not long ago one of our promising young missionaries died at his post. Last month his wife died from tuberculosis. Three young children are left dependent upon an aunt who herself is poor and struggling to support an invalid husband. One of the three children, five years old, is a cripple. How much suffering would have been saved if the father could have looked forward to a provision which the denomination, appreciating his consecration and successful labors, would make for those dependent upon him! Multiply such instances by scores, if not by hundreds, and you have the appeal. And what an appeal!

#### WHAT OTHERS ARE DOING

At the present time the Presbyterians are raising an endowment of \$10,000,000, the Methodists \$12,000,000, the Episcopalians \$5,000,000, the Congregationalists \$3,000,000. Indeed nearly every denomination is busily engaged in securing endowments to meet this need. Our own goal of \$2,000,000 is modest.

#### RETIRING PENSIONS

The income of the purposed endowment should provide for most of the relief required. As soon as this amount shall have been obtained the Benefit Board is planning to enter upon the work of providing retiring pensions for our ministers at the age of sixty-five or seventy. Before this can be done, however, it is essential that the relief endowment shall be secured.

#### HOW TO HELP

1. At least one sermon on the support

of the ministry should be given each year.

2. Many churches have found an ad-

dress by a layman most effective.

3. See that the apportionment is fully met. In addition to the apportionment try to secure personal gifts. Many churches have found a personal canvass of the entire field most effective. (This is the method employed by the Methodists and Presbyterians.)

4. Securities may be transferred to the Benefit Board and the interest received by the donor throughout his life, if desired.

5. Annuity bonds at the uniform rates issued by the missionary societies are also given by the Benefit Board in return for gifts. The bonds have varied from \$100 to \$6,000.

6. Secure bequests (Form of bequest,—
"I give and bequeath to the Ministers' and
Missionaries' Benefit Board of the Northern Baptist Convention the sum of
dollars for the general purposes of said

Board.")

TRY TO SECURE CASH OR PLEDGES FOR AT LEAST \$1 PER YEAR FOR FIVE YEARS FROM EVERY MEMBER.

When this fund shall have been raised the work will be placed upon a permanent foundation. Our missionaries and ministers will be protected. The average salary outside the large cities is \$1.87 per day. It is impossible for a consecrated worker on such a support to make any provision for sickness or old age.

"Cast me not off in the time of old age, forsake me not when my strength faileth."

- Psa. 71-9.

"If any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel."—1 Tim. 5-8.

Rev. E. T. Tomlinson,

Executive Secretary, 23 East 26th St., New York City.



#### How They Do It in Cuba

The missionary pastors in Eastern Cuba have a Ministers' Aid Society that undertakes to pay a \$300 benefit upon the death of its members. Each pastor or missionary pays in fifty cents a month. Wives are

also eligible for this kind of life insurance. Thus far, with the initiation fee of five dollars added to the rates, the Society has been able to meet the demands made upon it by three deaths, and has some money in the treasury.

#### Progress in Michigan

The annual report of the Michigan Baptist Board of Missions for 1905-16 is a cheering document. General Superintendent E. M. Lake has been able to show an advance each year of the four since the "Michigan Plan" was adopted and he was placed in charge. The contributions from the churches, not including individual gifts, legacies and annuities, have been as follows: 1912-13, \$52,505.90; 1913-14. \$55,680.04; 1914-15, \$60,962.29; 1915-16, \$64,123.81. This is not spasmodic but regular growth, the result of persistent and faithful work. The offerings in special gifts also exceeded those of last year by \$18,000. In emphasizing the necessity of denominational literature the report says: "Our magazine, Missions, stands today without a peer as a monthly missionary periodical. It is possible that you could render no better missionary service in your church than to secure a good number of subscriptions for our Mission magazine." That is in line with many other good recommendations in a report full of vitality and outlook. The conclusion is clear that "the work of Michigan Baptists is comprehensive and far-reaching." The point is pressed that while much is of necessity said about machinery, yet prayer is the essential. It may be helpful to other states to show how the total of \$64,836.08 was divided: Foreign, \$16,-076.12; Home, \$10,207.90; Publications, \$3,327.71; Woman's Foreign, \$11,457.90; Woman's Home, \$7,763.94; State Missions, \$11,771.87; Education, \$1,321.32; Ministers' Aid, \$1,950.79; Northern Baptist Convention, \$1,058.53. Total expenses, \$5,845.55.



Dwight L. Moody used to say, "Character is what a man is in the dark."

The art of being quiet is the art of believing God.

#### The Howard Bible Class of Randolph

The Howard Bible Class of the First Baptist Church of Randolph, Mass., is a fine example of successful work for men by men in a village community. Large



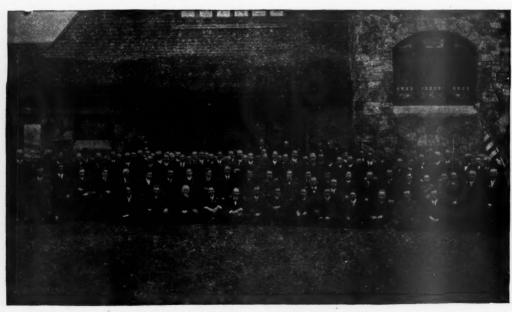
Pastor of the Baptist Church at Randolph Originator and Teacher of the Men's Class

Men's Classes are usually found only in the cities and large towns, but the building

up of this organization shows that they are possible, even in the smaller towns. Randolph has 5,000 inhabitants, with a Protestant population of about 1,800, or 35%, and five Protestant churches. In two years' time, the enrollment of The Howard Class increased from 35 to 218, The largest single attendance during this period was 161. This remarkable growth has been brought about by building up a vigorous class spirit. Membership contests and canvasses; baseball, bowling and tennis teams; the promotion of goodfellowship by means of monthly social nights; a class chorus of from 50 to 75 voices organized to sing at the evening church service - these are some of the methods by which the morale of the class has been created and maintained. The pastor and teacher, Rev. Herbert L. Howard, has baptized many members of the class. The fame of this organization has spread to surrounding towns and successful classes have been started in a number of places as a result.



Ring out, glad Christmas bells, World joy your story tells.



THE HOWARD MEN'S CLASS AT RANDOLPH, MASS.

## The Work Among War Prisoners





THE Gospel Committee for Work among War Prisoners is undertaking a vast work in connection with the prison camps, in which two millions of Russian, Servian, Polish, Jewish, and Italian soldiers — prisoners of war — are interned. This is the period in which to reach these men with the gospel. Dr. Haggard is superintending a similar work among the German prisoners in Russia. The demand for Bibles, Testaments, and such works as Pilgrim's Progress, Traveler's Guide to Heaven, and salvation literature by Moody, Spurgeon and others, is far beyond the power of the Gospel Committee to supply. The pictures on this page reveal the eagerness of the men for this aid, and the need for it in the light of the tragic events in which they have participated. We commend this work to our readers. The appeals for war relief are many, but surely it is possible to do a little more, and more. America has done comparatively little as yet, and the masses of our people have probably done nothing. Every dollar put into religious literature for the war prisoners will help in the reconstruction to follow the war, for which the prisoners are not responsible, and of which they are the innocent victims. The Gospel will make future wars out of the question. See advertisement in this issue.



## Two Typical Experiences

BY REV. A. B. WITHERS

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S DIRECTOR, WEST VIRGINIA



E doubt if any other denominational representative has so many and such varied duties and privileges as does the Director of Sunday School and Young Peoples' Work. First

of all he is a missionary and has a gospel message to the unsaved. Next in importance to this, he is an educator, training Sunday school and young peoples' workers for a more efficient service, and arousing the indifferent to the needs and possibilities of the Kingdom; then he is generally a collecting agency for the receipt and transmission of missionary money and seeks to bring our Baptist people to a sense of their responsibility as stewards of the Lord's goods entrusted to them; he is the representative in his state of a great publishing house, and the people are supplied through him with the best books and periodicals; he is a reporter to the denominational press, and sometimes even an editor of a periodical in the interests of his work so that his usefulness may be extended. In himself he combines all the lines of service entrusted by the denomination to the Society that employs him. Over and over again he is constrained to say, "Who is sufficient for these things?" His peculiar mission however is twofold educational and missionary. In most states the need for missionary work in the matter of organization of Sunday schools in destitute places is gradually disappearing. Years ago, when this was the prominent work, he was called "Sunday School Missionary." In recent years, since the emphasis has shifted to development of workers and the young people's work has been added, he has been known as "The Director of Sunday School and Young People's Work." In West Virginia there is room for both phases of effort. We have all conditions of life, ranging from the primitive customs of the first settlers who crossed the mountains to found homes in the "western wildernesses," to the most up-to-date methods and machinery of modern civilization.

We have been asked to furnish an article that will illustrate from actual experience these two widely divergent forms of religious need and activity. We have selected two experiences that have come to us within the recent weeks.

#### I. IN THE CITY

Let us introduce our readers to a new method of educational work adopted by the Society within the past three or four years. We refer to the City Training School, or City Institute, as it is sometimes called. We had large city institutes in former years, but nothing to compare with this in opportunities and results. These Training Schools are usually limited to cities of large population - 200,000 and more. We have no large cities in West Virginia, so the Director prevailed upon the Society to give us one of these Training Schools in Huntington, a city of about 40,000. We could not have dared attempt such a thing had we not known the characteristic progressive spirit of Huntington, especially along religious lines. The city has grown from a population of 11,-923 in 1900 to 40,000 at the present time. We know of no city in the land whose citizens are more progressive along all lines that make for the good of its residents than Huntington. The people are almost entirely of native American stock, and along with material things there is a spirit of progress in religious and educational lines. There are seven aggressive Baptist churches in the city, located just about a mile apart, almost in a line. A short distance down the river there are two others - one at Ceredo and another at Kenova. which are practically in Huntington. These nine churches had a Sunday-school enrollment last year of 3,500, with an average attendance each Sunday of 2,500,



COLPORTER AND MOUNTAIN LAD

A MOUNTAIN HOME

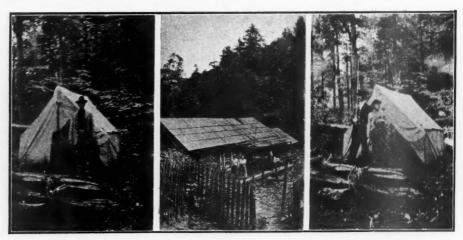
A TALK BY THE WAY

An organization to prepare for the Institute was effected with its committees and the campaign was pushed with characteristic vigor. On May 28th the school opened, and continued for six days, with twelve courses of study, in charge of a staff of eight instructors furnished by the Publication Society. In addition to these, the Woman's Societies furnished a speaker. From the first the interest was fine and the attendance large. On the closing evening certificates were granted to 134 persons who had completed the prescribed course. We were delighted with the fact that many did not stop with the prescribed course, but 47 took double credit, 18 triple, and 2 quadruple. We understand that in the matter of certificates the Huntington Institute has broken the record so far. There was a total attendance by days of over 1,700, and aside from the Sunday meetings there were 586 difenrolled. ferent persons Fifty-five churches were represented, many of these from denominations other than ours. Workers' Libraries were awarded to High Lawn and Walnut Hills, for making the best record for proportionate attendance and work. Our people were all very enthusiastic over this Training School, and no doubt the work will be greatly improved in efficiency because of it.

#### II. IN THE MOUNTAINS

Experience number two is as unlike this one as it could possibly be. Soon

after the Huntington Institute closed the Director spent Sunday at Webster Springs in the heart of the mountain section of the state. To one visiting this celebrated summer resort for the first time, this alone would be an experience worth reporting. But we had been there several times before and so have some of our readers, and we shall not dwell upon this part of the trip. A sermon in the morning from the text, "Give ye them to eat," with a missionary application to a very appreciative audience; the teaching of the Sunday school lesson to the Agoga Bible Class; an afternoon spent in the home of the superintendent in the company of that "father in Israel," Rev. L. J. Huffman, who is always a benediction; an evening with the Young People's Society and listening to a sermon in a neighboring church, completed the day. For two years we had been promising the genial superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school here to accompany him over the mountains on a "fishing trip." The time had at last come, and on Monday morning the Sunday school man was mounted on "Brownie," with a four-bushel sack filled with provisions, old shoes, bait, and other camping necessities, tied to his saddle behind; and with fishing basket, tackle, gun, field-glasses, camera and coats in front. It must have been a real "show" to those whom we passed to see this collection of articles on one horse. But "Brownie" was strong, and what was equally necessary, she was



A MOUNTAIN CAMP

HOME AND FAMILY

A TENT AND WELCOME

sure-footed, for so she needed to be on such a trip as this. Brother Hicks, the superintendent, his son Dana, and the Sunday school man, made up the party.

We have been over some rough country in our time but nothing ever compared with this. The road over Gauley Mountains was for the last fifteen miles a mere bridle trail, sometimes so steep in ascent or descent that the rider was compelled to dismount for long distances. Sometimes the trail led over fallen tree-trunks and great boulders that had rolled out of the mountain sides. Sometimes for miles we would not see a soul, and oftentimes no sign of human life. On the way out to the camping place we saw in the distance the wagons and cages of a traveling show, wending its way over the mountains from somewhere, we know not where. This was to be "show day" in Webster Springs, the county seat, and we met people who had come on foot for miles to see the show. This was a rare occasion, and it must not be missed. One man we met walked fifteen miles - a round trip of thirty miles in the day - to be at the show. Another man we met going to the show, and farther on we saw his wife and child hoeing corn on the mountainside, while he was away "seeing the sights."

By noon we had reached the divide, on the top of the mountain range, where at one place it is claimed eleven counties can be seen. We were almost 4,000 feet above sea-level. Here beside a spring of

fine water we rested and ate our noon lunch. There was a distance of seven or eight miles yet to go before we reached camp, and we must not tarry. The rest of the way was through unbroken forest, with only one house to be passed. Down, down the mountain we went, now on foot, for it was too steep to ride - it seemed we would never get to the base. Great, towering trees all around us - hemlock, poplar and beech principally. Finally we came to the foot, and here we paused at a little home in the midst of a small cleared tract. The mother and four children responded to our call and came out for a snap-shot. Too bad that the picture was imperfect. This family of six are many miles from school or church privileges. The mother had once been a school teacher and was doubtless endeavoring to help her children in the rudiments of an education. Our hearts ached for these little folks compelled to grow up away from Sunday school. On our return, however, we secured the family for our Home Department and will see that they get the picture cards, quarterlies and papers.

But our journey is not yet complete, though the writer was certainly tired enough. We were not on the headwaters of the Gauley River, and the stream was a mountain torrent, plunging over falls and stony shallows. Along its banks we paused to watch a fine big trout dart out from his retreat behind a big stone, and strike at an insect that had fallen into the water.

But we must not stay. The remainder of the journey was through an unbroken solitude. These mountains are inhabited by bear, deer and other wild animals, and during our stay signs of their presence could be seen in abundance. A new kind of tree now appeared - the yew pine - tall and as straight as the barrel of a gun, tapering to a slender point at the top. This is one of the most valuable for timber in all this region. The mountain tops were crowned with these conspicuous trees. Finally we came to the camping spot. What a charming place for a camp. Branches of hemlock overspread by our oil-cloth and blankets for our bed, the tent for our shelter, and a great roaring fire in front to keep us warm through the nights - for it was cold up here in the high altitude, though in June; our meals cooked in the open on a fire of logs - this began to look good to us. But is was not to be. Over the small ridge in front was the house of a settler. Adam Dodrill with his wife had moved to this place eleven years ago. They had built the four-room house with their own hands. The lumber for floors, door and ceiling had been whipsawed from the yew pine tree. The weather-boarding had been split out of yew pine, and shaved with a drawing knife. The roof was made of boards riven from the same kind of logs. The six beds were hand-made, and we never slept on sweeter ones, nor occupied a house more cleanly kept. The chairs were also hand-made. The nearest neighbor was four miles away. The nearest wagon road was ten miles distant. The two stoves had been carried on poles between two men all that distance of ten miles. All their store provisions had to be transported on mule-back for fifteen miles from Bergon, the nearest store and post office. In the winter the snow sometimes falls five feet deep in these mountains, and this family have gone as long as five weeks without seeing a single soul. In the early summer they board the fishing parties that venture into this wilderness, and in the fall the hunters. Notwithstanding their distance from civilization, we were delighted to find them a most wholesome people - kind, hospitable, cultured. They had books and newspapers. Recently

they had put a telephone line through that wilderness, and we were in daily communication with Webster Springs. They had chickens, ducks and cows, and we have never sat down to a table loaded with food more attractively prepared and served. For eleven years Mr. Dodrill has been agent of the Cherry River Boom and Lumber Company, which owns 200,000 acres of the finest timber in West Virginia, virgin forest. Mr. Dodrill is also game and fire warden in this vast solitude.

We spent three days and a little over here, most of the time, when the weather permitted, in fishing in the "Three Forks of Gauley." It was a new experience to the Sunday school man, but he hugely enjoyed it. During this time the three composing our party caught 223 trout, and for once in our lives we had all the trout we could eat, and a large number to bring home. On one trip of two miles up one of these mountain streams we fished in three counties - Webster, Randolph and Pocahontas. This will locate us on the map, for any one who is sufficiently interested to look it up. Only one thing annoyed us. Mornings and evenings millions of small biting gnats literally swarm these forests, and the only thing to do is to "let 'em bite." We soon got used to them and did not mind them so much.

The time was all too short for us and we started back home on Friday morning. Before we left we secured this family of three also for the Home Department. We returned by a different route, and on the way had to ford the river ten times. We passed several of these mountain homes, and found ourselves wishing for the opportunity some time to spend several days in this section, visiting these isolated homes with the gospel and with Sunday-school material.

Space forbids further details of the trip, but we have not ceased thinking and talking about our experiences. What we have written may convey to some of our readers some idea of the struggles and privations of our mountain people. There are compensations, however, and we almost envy them the opportunity of rearing children in an environment so clean morally and so conducive to strength and vigor physically and mentally.



## The Needs of a Single Mission - Burma

THINK THESE STATEMENTS OVER CAREFULLY, AND REMEMBER THAT THEY COME FROM THE MISSIONARIES ON THE FIELD

THIRTY-SEVEN MISSION FAMILIES are called for to man the old stations as they ought to be manned, and to take the places of those who must in the ordinary course of human events soon give up the work.

ELEVEN MISSION FAMILIES are wanted to make possible the opening of eleven new stations. Hardly any of this can be called *extensive* work. It is almost entirely *intensive* work, the deeper and better tilling of the soil we already cultivate.

TWENTY-FOUR SINGLE LADIES are wanted for the various forms of educational, evangelistic and nurse work.

THIRTY-ONE DWELLING HOUSES are wanted for missionaries, either for families or for ladies. This does not include the new College scheme which stands by itself and will probably call for ten dwelling houses in addition.

TWENTY-SIX OLD STATIONS are calling for increased work appropriations, or for repairs in some cases already too long neglected.

ELEVEN New STATIONS ought to be opened and fitted out and a family placed in each as mentioned above. The new College will need additional current appropriations.

THIRTY-ONE NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS at least are wanted, some small and costing but a few hundred dollars apiece, and some large and costing as much as \$25,000 each.

TEN NEW STATIONS will require sites, but the majority of them will probably be granted by Government.

Having grasped the statements just made, the mind will immediately ask, What will it cost? What does it mean in dollars? In the very nature of the case only an approximation can be made, based on averages of the past, as follows:

To put 48 new families in the field a	nd	for	the	ir fi	rst	yea	r's s	sala	ry			\$96,000
For 24 new single ladies, the same												24,000
For 31 new dwelling houses, say .												
Increased appropriations called for												
For 11 new stations to be fitted out,												
For new College expenses yearly, at												
For 31 new school buildings, all grad												
For ten new sites needed, say												
For one-half the new College cost .												
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Total	۰											\$552,000

Of this \$552,000, \$450,000 may be classed as capital outlay, and the balance, \$102,000, as annual expense, except that in this sum there is no item included for upkeep on the buildings called for in the capital expenditure, and an item for that purpose should be added.



## Letters From Children

Dr. C. L. White, of the Home Mission Society, has given us permission to print some of the letters he has received from children in the home mission fields. All children and all readers will be interested in their unusual character:

DEAR SIR: Having heard that you would like to know something about girls that speak a different language than yours, and as I am a Hungarian girl, I will tell you what I think of Jesus. I am now converted. I came to Jesus because He loved me and I wanted Him to save me from my sins, and because He is the children's best friend. I was baptized April 26,

1914, by Rev. M. Fabian.

I go to church whenever I can, but sometimes when I miss I feel that I have lost one of God's blessings. I attend preaching services and prayer meetings the same as the grown people too. We learn to love other boys and girls even if they are our enemies. I like to listen to the lessons and I feel that I learn Jesus' words better and better. We sing very nice hymns. We have a birthday bank here, and people put in it as many cents as they are years old, and then we sing "A happy greeting to you."

We have the Young People's Society after the Sunday evening services; for every Sunday we have a different program. I take part in singing and recitation. This Society is good for young people because they can praise the Lord in the way they wish. They can grow stronger

and help others.

Although I am going to be thirteen years old I think it is better to serve Jesus than to serve the world. The Christian life is the happiest life any one can live. I see the difference between those that serve Jesus and those that do not, even the parents of those children that do not serve Him are not as good to the children as those that do. I have met many children that say their mothers and fathers do not like them. This is because the parents do not serve Jesus. My parents, my brother and sister are Christians and belong to the same church I do. At home we read the Bible and sing nice hymns, and so we have family worship every day. I hope and pray that many others may learn to love Jesus who has made us happy. Yours, MARGARET OSVARTH.

Scranton, Pa.

DEAR DR. WHITE: I am glad to be able to write to you. For I know you are interested in the boys and girls. I am a Hungarian girl 14 years old. When I was very small God took away my father and mother. But seven years ago he gave me a new mother and sister.

Since then I have also learned to know and love Jesus, and have been baptized by Rev. L. L. Zboray. My sister is our missionary here. I help her teach the little ones, and I am the organist for the Mission.

I attend school and am in the eighth grade. I intend to be a missionary when I grow up, so that I can tell others about the Saviour who has

been so good to me.

We have good attendance at our Mission at the children's meetings and the grown-up people's meetings. We expect to have a nice entertainment at Christmas. The children are all interested in the Sunday school. From your little sister in Jesus,

FLORENCE JONES.

Edwardsville, Pa.

My DEAR DR. WHITE: I'm a Slovak girl 15 years old. I like to attend the Mission and I'm a member of the Band of Love.

We have many girls and boys in our Sunday School and we are going to have a nice enter-tainment on Christmas Day, and I am going to

sing a solo and recite a piece.

We expect to have a Christmas tree and candy and presents. In the evening we shall have a meeting and a social for the grown up folks. And so we shall have a happy day, and I wish you could be with us. Will you not please come to visit our Mission some day?

Miss Jones is our teacher, and she is very nice to us. I love her very much. Good-bye,

From your friend,

ELIZABETH GURCHICK.

DEAR DR. WHITE: I heard that you like to hear from little girls. So I'm writing you this letter. I'm a Polish girl 13 years old. I attend to Sunday School, Sewing School and Band of Love at the Mission. I have signed the temperance pledge and intend to keep it always. I love Jesus, and when I grow up I want to be a missionary to teach other boys and girls about him. Sometimes I help Miss Jones to teach the smaller girls. I love my teacher very much. From your friend, Nora Sincosky.

DEAR DR. WHITE: I am glad you love the boys and girls. I am Lithuanian girl ten years old. I love to go to Sunday school, and I love

Jesus. Every Sunday I learn a Bible verse.
My papa is dead. My mama and my little
sisters go to the Mission too. In Sunday
School we have fifty boys and girls. Our
teacher is Miss Jones. We all like her a
special to use I'm a member of the Temshe is good to us. I'm a member of the Temperance Band. With love from your little friend,

HELEN CHEPRETSKI.





OF AMERICAN WOMEN TO THE WOMEN OF FOREIGN LANDS

EDITED BY HELEN BARRETT MONTGOMERY

WITH THE EDITOR

#### **JUBILEE PREPAREDNESS**



VE years is not too long a time in which to prepare worthily to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. So

this year we enter upon our preparation for the beautiful, joyful feast to which the ten tribes shall go up by God's grace in

A little girl was trying to draw a horse. Her efforts were painstaking but the result painful.

"Pretty hard, isn't it, darling?" said mamma.

"It isn't drawing the horse that's so hard," answered the child, "it is getting the idea of it."

To give the women "the idea of it" a series of meetings in preparation for the Jubilee has been planned. Six of them have already been held - such splendid, enthusiastic, nobly planned meetings in Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago, Buffalo, Washington and Philadelphia.

There is not space to write an account of any of them - each one demands an article - but only to record a few outstanding points, and to stir women in other cities to attempt similar gatherings.

The committee work has been notable in each city. The Entertainment Committee with its hostesses and automobiles;

the Prayer Committee with its groups of intercessors meeting for weeks in advance; the Publicity Committee with its catchy posters in each church, its deputation work and its newspaper and pulpit notices; the Young Woman's Committee with its ushers and pageant; the Music Committee with its Jubilee songs and choir and pianist; the Luncheon Committee; the Literature Committee, the Program Committee, the Committee on Place of Meeting. the Sunday School Committee, and the General Executive at whose weekly sessions all these and sundry other committees conferred, planned and reported.

Such preparation was bound to bring in the women by hundreds from the local churches and the surrounding towns. At the workers' conference in the morning they listened to the plans for recruiting new members, new givers, new pray-ers, heard of the district responsibilities, saw the splendid new charts which our society has published as its contribution to further the money goal of the Five Year Program, and asked and answered questions with equal daring and enthusiasm.

There were toasts after the simple luncheon; a big children's meeting where missionary songs were sung and missionary stories told; a drawing-room meeting; a supper where the Sunday school superintendents were the guests to whom the plans for the Foreign Mission Lesson period were explained, a pageant given by the World Wide Guild in the evening, and final missionary addresses to fill up the measure of a day full of blessing and inspiration.

#### POINTERS

The envelopes of free literature at each plate at the luncheons.

The big red keys which Washington Key women wore.

The delightful song of greeting sung to the missionaries by six little children in Washington.

The pledges for personal gifts brought in at Buffalo.

The intercessory prayer service at Chicago, and the keen participation in the Workers' Conference.

The way the children had been taught to really know the Jubilee songs in Buffalo.

The floral wreath hung about the neck of the President by a tiny child at Cin-

The beautiful drawing-room meetings in Pittsburgh and Cincinnati.

The effect with which "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night" was sung and personated in Pittsburgh.

To all the dear women who helped to make every Jubilee a success far beyond our expectations, grateful acknowledgment is due from the whole Sisterhood of Districts.



An African Child 23 months old brought to the missionary to be cured of the opium habit; had been drugged from birth.

#### How About Eleanor's Little Blue Purse?

Sherwood Eddy tells the story of a little girl who after hearing him speak about the wonderful opportunities for work for Christ in Asia went home and said, "I want to give everything I have for this work." She sent Mr. Eddy her little blue purse containing sixty cents, all the money she had saved. With it she wrote a dear child's letter in which she said:

"I'm glad to send you my little blue purse. I hope it will do a lot of good for the heathen lands. Will you come again some day?
"From your little friend,

Later, the dear child sent enough to make her gift \$1. We have all heard about how Marjory's gift to Uncle Sam for a new battleship inspired hundreds, perhaps thousands, of grown-ups to add to the child's gift of love and faith.

#### HOW YOUR LOVE GIFT OF \$1 WOULD HELD

\$1 Will pay one child's share in a village day school for one year.

\$1 Will feed one person in the famine districts for twenty days.

\$1 Will buy twenty New Testaments to distribute among students in China, India, or Japan.

\$1 Will pay salary of native preacher for

\$1 Will support hospital bed for two

\$1 Will buy medical supplies for dispensary in Africa.

\$1 Will pay rent of Sunday-school room one month.

\$1 Will pay touring expenses for evangelist for one week.

If you too would love to do some good where good is most needed, give yourself the luxury of a Love GIFT at this glad season of Christmas giving.

Send to DOLLAR LOVE GIFT,

Care of Alice E. Stedman, Ford Building, Boston, Mass.

REMEMBER THE DAY OF PRAYER FEBRUARY 9. THE PROGRAM WILL APPEAR IN JANUARY MISSIONS.

#### Two Worth While Mission Products

BY HELEN BARRETT MONTGOMERY

Miss Augusta Peck of Pegu writes of a wonderful teacher with a hard name who has built up a strong work in the heathen village of Aingyileze. I will give his name once and after that call him Teacher. I pronounce the village "Angel-easy." Perhaps that makes Miss Peck laugh.

This teacher got a position in a Methodist school two miles away and came to live in Aingvileze, walking to his work in the other town each day. As he taught and lived, hearts began to turn to Christ until Mr. Parish had baptized over twenty of them. Then Teacher got them to take hold and build a church. Teacher's name is Saya Shive Thive. When the good two-story chapel was completed at a cost of about \$335 (a big sum to these simple villagers), Teacher incited them to desire a school building. But the people were not keen for education and held back until the Teacher advanced the money himself and trusted them to repay him.

A Karen girl from Maubin was the first teacher. She had not yet won her government certificate but she was a born teacher, and soon thirty little Taungthu children were clustered about her thick as bees in a clover patch. When the government inspector came he pronounced hers the best village school in his circuit and made a grant of about ninety rupees toward its

aid.

Now the Methodist Mission had to transfer this resourceful Teacher to a Chinese school and things looked dark for the little village. Miss Peck did not want to take Teacher away from the employ of the Methodist Mission but felt that we could not lose so valuable a man. So she did the most practical thing in the world, laid the whole matter before God: told Him that she feared to take initiative in the matter lest she should injure the fine fellowship between the two Missions. "Lord, cause Mr. Jones (the Methodist Missionary) to take the initiative in this matter," she prayed. Then being a competent prayer, she left the matter and went on about her business.

The next day the Teacher came with beaming face. "I have God's answer," he said. Then he told how he too had been praying that God would guide him, and how when he went to see Mr. Jones the latter at once said, without any intimation beforehand, "Saya Shive Thive, you would best look for another position, for I find I can get a Chinese teacher for the Chinese school."

The way being thus clear, Miss Peck secured Saya for the school at Pegu, opened up some higher grades and is rejoicing in the influence of this splendid Christian man and his wife upon the pupils.

Now this teacher has a brother, who like him loves the Lord's work, and he has started a school in a forlorn Karen village, securing contributions from his Christian friends for the purpose. He already has twenty-eight pupils and has built a little bamboo chapel.



#### A Christmas Bit from Last Year

This came from Miss Mary D. Jesse of Sendai, Japan, and we have kept it for this Christmas issue:

I wish you could have been with us vesterday at Matsu Shima for the Christmas celebration, our last one this year. About 150 children were present. There is not a Christian woman in the town, but we have had Sunday school there for a number of years, our girls going out from here to teach, and now we have a fine group of large girls who know much about the Bible and, better still, girls who truly love the Saviour and are truly following Him. In the few hours I was in the town I heard many times that the Sundayschool children were the best children in the school, were at the head of their classes, were very kind, etc. The program gotten up by the children was a good one, and it surprised me to see them get up one after another and talk of Christ and His birth and His love. One of the larger girls (about fourteen years old) was the leader of the meeting. They had songs, recitations, dialogues and speeches. After the exercises one dear little girl came up to my helper and said, "Teacher, do you think we have made our loving Christ happy on his birthday?" The teacher replied that she was sure Christ was pleased to have

them remember Him and praise Him and do their best to celebrate His birth. "Then I am happy," she said, and ran off to tell the others what the teacher had said. I thought it sweet of these children not to be thinking of showing off or even of their gifts, but of making Christ happy, We talked with a number of the older ones and I am sure they are real Christians. The celebrations everywhere this year have been fine and we have had such crowds present, not only of children but of men and women, too. Our girls and Bible women have had more than fifteen Sunday Christmas celebrations. I wish I could tell how many hundreds of children have heard the Christmas story.



#### The Christmas Tree

"Oh, look at me!"
Sang the Christmas tree—
A jolly young evergreen—
"I'm dressed up here
For a show, that's clear,
And I'm anxious to be seen.

How I'd love to shout All my feelings out! But I daren't even cough; And just the half Of a great big laugh Would shake all my candles off.

So I have to hide
All the fun inside
Till I'm full as I can be.
Whatever folks say,
I'm king of the day!"
Sang the jolly Christmas tree.
—Youth's Companion.



#### Here is an Example from Assam

At the Christmas celebration in Nowgong the teachers in the school were given one rupee for each year of service with the Mission (rupee about thirty cents). Read now what one of these teachers did:

The head master, Nyay, got Rs. 22 as his share, for this number of years of faithful service in connection with the school. Mr. Moore describes how Nyay came over to the bungalow, with a radiant light in his face, saying that God had given so much to him, he felt like passing it on, so he immediately presented Rs. 10 to the Convention fund, then commenced to

plan how he might spend some more on little gifts for the children and others who might not otherwise be remembered at the Sunday-school distribution the next day. Nyay is one who tastes the real joy of giving.



#### Philippine School Work

Miss Alice Stanard of Jaro, Iloilo, P. I., says the Bacolod Academy had an average attendance of 130 the past year. The children are very fond of music, and music is taught daily in the first five grades - the public school songs, hymns, and the notes, scales, etc. Twice a year, at Christmas and in March, there is a vilada, or program, and these entertainments are very popular with both children and audiences. The rooms and halls are always crowded, in spite of other social events that may occur at the same hour. These social affairs, she reminds us, are a wedge into many of the homes. "Nor need I tell you that the marches and other things made possible by a piano would add greatly to the attractiveness of our school." (Isn't that a modest way to suggest one of the "Wants" that possibly you may fill.) One of the dormitory girls graduated this year from the High School. She was recently baptized and will teach in the Academy - the only graduate in our force in Bacolod. She can play the piano, as can a few of the pupils. This addition is a source of rejoicing, and Miss Stanard concludes with these words: "Ask the girls at home, please, to pray that our High School people may be led to accept the Holy Spirit's teaching, that we may find in them efficient and spiritual teachers for our eight schools." We give two pictures of the schools in Iloilo on page 907, showing the kind of boys and girls we are bringing under the Christian influence.



#### From Annabelle Pawley of Himeji, Japan

A beautiful letter from Miss Pawley is just bubbling over with the joy of missionary service. She says:

I feel as if however many my years of service here I could never live out the joy and thanksgiving in my heart for the privilege of being here. If there is one thing I have learned more about than another during these first four months in Himeji, it is happiness, I think.... We have been rejoicing together especially since the new school year began in April over our increased numbers and our well filled chapel, because we have thirty new girls to influence and train and to send out one day, we trust, with the Master's touch upon them. And how beautiful all the externals are to me this first spring in the cherry-blossom land!

There is only one little tiny piece of work that I can report and it isn't the kind that is interesting enough for a place in Missions. It is just my few hours a week of English teaching, but it is a real pleasure to me and I am very grateful for it.

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#### A Child's Self-sacrifice

Mrs. Frederickson, Sona Bata, Africa, writes: "I want you to praise God with us for answered prayers. Our last child, little Lila, has been baptized and has joined the other four on the road of the cross-bearers. She says that she is so happy to know that she is trying to follow Jesus. Here is a bit of her last letter:

"'I am so happy with these nice people. God bless you and keep you from all harm, dear Mama and Papa. Oh, I want to see you so badly, but I know that God has called you to go back to Africa and teach the children about Him. Oh, mama, I should say you mustn't leave those poor babies and people who are so sick."

#### Wanted — a Typewriter

Mrs. I. B. Clark of Kinhwa, Chekiang, China, says they are very much in want of a new typewriter, as their old one was wellnigh ruined during the revolutions, when it was without care. Surely some one can meet this want, and have the satisfaction of aiding thus in a wide correspondence in Central China. The shipping should be done through the Foreign Society, E. S. Butler, Treasurer, Ford Building, Boston.

REMEMBER THE DAY OF PRAYER, FEBRUARY 9. THE PROGRAM WILL APPEAR IN JANUARY MISSIONS.

#### How Wants are Met

We wish we could acknowledge all the reports from circles and societies that have responded to the "Want" appeals from the fields at home and abroad. Here is one that ought to be printed, showing as it does the widespread interest in the work and inspiring others to emulation:

In response to a request in Missions, the Women's Association of the First Baptist Church of Worcester, Mass., has sent the following articles to Dr. Edythe Bacon, Kityang, South China: Six dollars for purchasing soap, 32 12-inch squares of old linen, 22 bandages, 19 spools cotton, 60 lead pencils, 4 jack-knives, quantity of writing paper, boxes for pills and powders, 4 handkerchiefs, 400 post-cards.

Many different groups were interested in this box. A class of women in the Sunday school collected money in mite-boxes during the summer; a class of boys gave the knives, being asked to earn the money for them; the young Women's Association provided the old linen and bandages; and some young girls prepared the cards.

In a talk given at the Church, Mrs. W. A. Hall spoke of her desire to take back with her to the Belgian Congo some dresses for the girls in her school. We have had an all-day sewing meeting and have made three dozen dresses of blue galatea cloth for girls of six and ten years of age. We intend also to have a share in the hospital.

ALICE L. BOND,
President of Women's Association.



#### Christmas at Nowgong

Miss Florence H. Doe sent a most interesting sketch of the celebration at Nowgong, which we cannot give in full. What a charming sight the 125 kindergartners in Miss Crisenberry's room must have presented, as they gathered around a plantain tree that was made to take the place of the evergreen, which can hardly be gotten in Assam. For the older pupils there was the reading of the Christmas story, singing of the Christmas songs, and the distribution of the gifts sent from America - most of them in a box from Ohio. The women who escort the children to school, the widows in the Christian community, the matrons, and the man about the place, were all remembered. The missionaries are trying to introduce the custom of mutual giving - a new idea for the Assamese.



#### A BRIGHT PUPIL

Mrs. A. L. Bain, of Lukunga, Africa, tells of an unusual convert:

One boy about fifteen, the son of a chief, came to us last July. He commenced with the first chart but made such rapid progress that after eight months in the school I chose him as one of the two boys to be my assistants, one teaching school in the morning and attending classes in the afternoon; the other attending school in the morning and teaching in the afternoon. When school closed this boy was in my most advanced class and ahead of some who had been three years on the station. When he returned to his town, as there was no teacher, he gathered the people together and held services with them on Sundays and taught school week days. He wanted the people of his town to know the glorious Gospel which he had learned. At our last quarterly meeting, in June, he came before the evangelists and deacons as a candidate fo baptism and passed a most satisfactory exramination. With 26 others he was baptized-

#### HIMEJI SCHOOL GIRLS AT WORK

Clouds and rain do not keep our girls at home from Sunday school and today they have gone out to eleven different places and taught the children gathered from all quarters of Himeji, the lesson of humble, loving service which Christ taught. There are ups and downs in this as in all Sunday school work and today has been one of the discouraging days. While the rain kept away many, so that all the Sunday schools numbered only 377 children, it also closed other more exciting avenues of entertainment to certain irrepressible boys who therefore came to Sunday school looking for mischief, and made teaching difficult indeed for two groups of young teachers. Another teacher however brought the good news that three of her big boys who had been very troublesome in former days had become greatly interested in the teaching, and very helpful in their influence upon the other children.

During the rest of the week our graduates now in the school teach in six other Bible schools in as many outlying villages, so we give to between 600 and 700 children in all every week earnest Bible teaching. If it were only for the reflex influence this work has upon the faith and Christian character of the young pupil teachers, it would justify itself, but of the eight girls baptized from our school last July six came from just such Sunday schools and not infrequently we find that our candidates for baptism have first learned of Christ in these little Sunday chools.

We would gladly enlarge this work, for there are many villages in this district which are in utter ignorance of the message of Christ to lost men. They are not crying "Come over into Macedonia and help us," for they don't even know that they need a Saviour. The little ones have never heard of His love. But we must "mark time" another year because there is no one here to lead the advance. "The fields are white but the laborers are few." — Edith F. Wilcox.

#### FROM NINGYUEN, WEST CHINA

From Mrs. Jensen in distant Ningyuen came an account of Christmas festivities that shows how the missionaries are planting Christmas roses round the world:

I wrote you last year about the School Girls' Christmas tree. We had it in our sitting-room and had a very pleasant time in a very quiet way. At that time the school had begun to grow, the girls were making rapid progress in their studies and everything promised well for the new year. But even at that time, nothing would have surprised us more than a picture of this year's Christmas.

This year the tree was in the Chapel, that being the largest building we have in Ningyuen. Each pupil was given one ticket to admit one parent, although of course we regretted very much that there was not room for all the fathers and mothers, and friends as well. But when the girls had taken their seats on one side of he dividing partition and the boys from our Boys' School on the other, there was not a great deal of room left. Seats were crowded into every available space.

On the platform stood the Christmas tree, hung with paper chains, strings of pop-corn and other things made by the children, and besides our gifts to the students and teachers there were little presents made for the mothers by the girls themselves. The tree was seen through an evergreen frame which rose high from the corners of the platform and met in the center where hung a gilded star. Ropes and wreaths of cedar, Christmas bells and paper poinsettia completed the decorations.

The outside decorations were entirely Chinese, arranged by the church members. The court was canopied with white cloth, hung with all sorts of fantastic paper lanterns, and at the entrance was an elaborate evergreen arch. This place took on a still more festive appearance when the guests arrived and their gay sedan chairs were set down in the court, while attendants and escorts of soldiers nearly filled the place.

The exercises were simple but well prepared, Mrs, Wellwood and Mrs, Humphreys having taken great pains in drilling the girls. Mr. Wellwood gave a talk about Christmas and the girls sang Christmas songs in Chinese and in English. The audience seemed to especially enjoy the motion songs. One teacher from each school gave a short address, and the Military Official, the Shen Official and the Chinese Superintendent of Schools addressed the children. It is, as you can easily imagine, of no small importance to have the highest officials of this conservative district show their interest in our schools so publicly. Each speaker was roundly applauded.

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#### Guild Message from Taro

Here is a message from Miss Phelps and her Pathfinders of Jaro, Iloilo, P. I.:

The pretty World Wide Guild Slot Certificate has just come and I have tacked it on the wall of my schoolroom for the present, so that the girls may all have a good chance to see it. My, but I feel puffed up with pride when I hear how famous Chapter 440 is coming to be. I'm sure I never dreamed of such greatness for our humble little attempt here. The girls have been writing letters to the States, and I hope to get them organized next week, and think of taking up the study of Livingstone for the present. With best wishes for this big, beautiful work! etc.



#### THE WORKERS' DEPARTMENT

#### Honor Roll of Circles

THAT HAD PAID ONE HALF THE YEAR'S AP-PORTIONMENT BY SEPTEMBER 30

	No. Circles	Per cen of Whole
ATLANTIC DISTRICT		
District of Columbia,	2	.12
Delaware,	1	.12
New Jersey,	31	.19
Pennsylvania,	149	.51
CENTRAL DISTRICT		
Illinois,	46	.22
Michigan,	48	.25
Missouri — no report.		
COLUMBIA RIVER DISTRICT		
Idaho,	12	.80
Montana,	1	.06
Oregon,	19	.42
East Washington,	15	.58
West Washington,	19	.42
EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT		
Ohio,	108	.41
West Virginia,	45	.73
Indiana — no report.		

New England District		
Connecticut,	18	.29
Maine,	40	.49
Massachusetts,	21	.10
New Hampshire,	9	.21
Rhode Island,	6	.15
Vermont,	14	.25
New York District,	118	.21
Northwestern District		
Minnesota,	34	.56
North Dakota,	23	.74
South Dakota,	26	1.00
Wisconsin,	40	.34
ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRI		
Colorado,	16	.24
Utah,	1	.17
South Pacific District		
Arizona,	11	.50
Nevada,	3	.60
California, North,	46	.49
California, South,	41	.49
WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT		
Iowa,	60	.48
Kansas,	69	.58
Nebraska,	32	.39
RANK OF THE	DISTRICTS	
Northwest,		.66
East Central (2 states),		.57
South Pacific,		.52
West Central,		.48
Columbia River,		.453
New England,		.245
Atlantic,		.24
Central (2 states),		.23
New York,		.21
Rocky Mountain (2 states)	,	.201

It is to be noted that the smaller churches are, on the average, more faithful in the matter of quarterly payments than the larger and stronger ones. The districts with the smaller number of churches seem to have a certain advantage over those with a larger number, but why should this be? Would not any circle of women be glad to help save the Society the necessity of borrowing money and paying interest if they clearly understood the situation and were reminded of the flight of time, and the approaching quarter's end? South Dakota certainly takes the prize this month with her 100 per cent. She has brought her District up to the head of the list. What state will do the same next month?

The third quarter ends December 31. Ratings will appear in March Missions.

## **THE WORLD WIDE GUILD**

#### CONDUCTED BY ALMA J. NOBLE



Christmas Eve

My latch is on the string tonight,
The hearth fire is aglow,
I seem to hear swift passing feet,
The Christ-child in the snow.

My heart is open wide tonight,
For stranger, kith, or kin,
I would not close a single door,
Where Christ may enter in.

-Kate Douglas Wiggin.

#### MERRY CHRISTMASI

I wish my Christmas greeting might reach every Worth While Girl in every one of the 1,300 Chapters of the World Wide Guild. As I think of you all in connection with this birthday of our King, I wonder what gift you have planned for Him! Is He on your list? May I suggest something that I know will please Him?

It is the gift of your life! I am sure there is not one among you into whose heart the dear Christ has not entered, but can you not give Him your life as well? How the bells of Heaven would ring for joy on Christmas Day if, here and there, a life were offered to the Christ child to be invested in Japan, Africa, India, China, Cuba, Mexico!

"I would not close a single door where Christ may enter in," but the doors are being closed because there are so few to open them, and to keep them open. Every returned missionary pleads for helpers; schools and hospitals are being closed because there is no one to keep the door open that "Christ may enter in." Can you not

hear that far call? Can you not hear that still small voice, saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" God help some of you splendid Worth While girls to answer, "Here am I, send me."

Failtfully fors, notes.

#### A Request!

From Miss Beulah Bassett, Suifu, West China: I would like the addresses of any W. W. G.'s, or other Circles who are, or should be, especially interested in letters about our Suifu Woman's School. I want my young women in the school to know of young women at home who are definitely interested in them and praying for them. These girls love to hear of the friends across the sea, and it broadens their lives, and helps the seed of Christian love to grow in their empty hearts. It is for a new Christian motherhood that we are working through our little School.

#### Another Recruit!

Here comes a recruit from the First church of Wichita, Kansas. Miss Agnes Harms has just recently decided to give her life to mission work and has gone to Ottawa University to begin her training. Miss Harms is a young girl who came to this country from Russia six years ago. One year ago her father died and now she desires to return to her own people to tell them of the Saviour she has found since she came to America. What a splendid combination of home and foreign mission work! And what an advantage and saving of time when we evangelize such an one as Miss Harms, for she is already familiar with the languages of the Russians, the Mohammedans, the Swedes, the high and low Germans, and the English.

#### Snapshots from the Field

W. W. G.
Who are We—
Worth While Girls
of the
World Wide Guild
With the Watchword—Grow!
— Wisconsin Revision.

"Ain't it great to see how other folks do!" This was one girl's wild and enthusiastic appreciation of the educational value of a "movie." Of course every W. W. G. wants to know how every other W. W. G. does things, so here are a few snap-shots from the films of Kansas, Wisconsin and Nebraska.

Kansas has already surpassed the number of organized chapters required for Apr. 1, 1917.

Wisconsin is asked to have sixty chapters by Apr. 1. Sixty-two were reported Oct.

Wisconsin first state-wide rally was held in connection with the State Convention at La Crosse. The invitation was sent far and near to "Worth While Girls, their mothers and friends." The banquet room of course was crowded. Miss Elsie Kappen, the newly appointed state secretary, was a charming hostess, welcoming all, and introducing each speaker in true Hiawathan style.

The roll call was unique. Following the example of California, balloons of every color represented the various chapters. A large one in the shape of a watermelon represented the state number — 60.

Nebraska too had had its first state rally with 150. One group came 140 miles by auto. Chapter delegations were large. One chapter of thirteen members in a little country town sent eight, another of twenty-four members sent ten, and so on down to the lone one from the extreme western part of the state. Songs and local yells were plentiful.

Mrs. Lathrop, a bright star worker in the Omaha Association, explained the motto, and Miss Crissman gave the symbolism of our flower, the white rose. The two missionaries were not forgotten. Miss Edith Crisenberry's work in Nowgong, Assam, was explained, and a letter from Miss Susie Stover, missionary to the Japanese in Seattle, was read. Nebraska's secret of success this year, aside from the wise advertising of an efficient state leader, was the fact that the Guild session was on a Saturday evening, making it possible for school girls to attend and remain for the Sunday sessions of the Convention.

At the conference hour, fourteen books were pledged toward W. W. G. circulating libraries throughout the state. Following the example of Rhode Island, as published in April Missions, a standard of efficiency was drawn up and adopted Why not follow a similar plan in other states?

This month's work in state rallies has proven that our watch-word "Grow" is being fulfilled.

Helen Criseman-Tield Secretary.

#### The Uninterested Girl

BY MARY W. VASSAR

She knits scarfs for the refugees, And woolen hose for men in trenches, She pities sailors on the seas, And factory girls on tiresome benches. She goes to suffrage meetings, too, And strives for votes with zeal and passion, But, work for missions, — oh dear, no! These other things are more in fashion.

If she could look afar, and see
Needs greater far, wrongs more appalling,
Meet eyes that gaze so wistfully,
Hear countless eager voices calling
Of women, bound in evils vast
Where flowers of joy can never blossom,
Of tired child-mothers, holding fast
A puny babe to shrunken bosom,

The Chinese nation, now awake
To larger fields, horizons wider,
Japan, whose new-found powers must take
A sympathetic hand to guide her,
The gathering host from every land
Who need a heart of love to greet them,
If she could feel and understand
How gladly would she spring to meet them!

She who with us Christ's grace must ask, Who calls Him Lord and Elder Brother, She must take up His greatest task, Nor need she leave undone the other. He calls for her:— and we'll not sit With folded hands, and just regret her Indifference, but by prayer and wit We'll all together work— to get her!

#### The World Wide Guild Makes a Record Trip Over the Lincoln Highway

Though many people are "seeing America first" these days by means of that wonderful Lincoln Highway which connects the Atlantic and Pacific, I doubt if they can make the trip as swiftly as a World Wide Guild Girl. Perhaps their journey would show them only beautiful mountains, valleys, rich farms, and prosperous cities, but you cannot hoodwink a girl who is looking for the really worth while things. Her journey through these thirteen northern states would cause her many a painful bump, for I doubt if the shock-absorbers on her car would be able to make unnoticed the little Slavic girl, who is waiting at Ellis Island for her lover who has sent for her and fails to appear, or those children in Pennsylvania who are being sacrificed to the great god Industry. Would she be able to pass by the hundreds of little communities in Nebraska, Wyoming and Colorado where the saloon is the social center and Christ's name is only heard as an expletive, and not feel that she must stop and help?

If you do want to "see America first" in a way that you have never seen it before, try the "Lincoln Highway Banquet" idea which was originated by Mrs. Smith T. Ford, our much loved big mother, the new president of our Woman's Home Mission Society. The Lincoln Highway runs through thirteen of our northern states, so have thirteen small tables, each representing a state. When the girls arrive, give each one a little paper slip on which is written the name of some state—that will give every girl a special place and make the "new girl" feel as much a part as does the president.

The decorations may be made most effective. At the Elgin, Ill., Guild Banquet we used an abundance of red, white and blue, making little highways down the center of the tables with crepe paper. Our only light was candle light, and the shades were made of red, white and blue tissue paper over cardboard. Each shade had the name or abbreviation of some state cut on it so the light streamed through the letters. Yes—they take time to make, but oh, the plans for the coming meetings that can be made while the executive com-

mittee cuts paper ruffles—and listen, you can rent those lamp shades time and again to clubs in your city for fifty cents a dozen at least!

After the "eats" - make it a real banquet if possible - the toast mistress can start the engine of your "Overland" car and then - the sights to be seen in the next hour! One girl at each table has been given a particular state to study, and so we start with New York and hear in succession of the mission work our own Baptist denomination is doing in these thirteen northern states. Material may be obtained in "From Ocean to Ocean," and there are many pamphlets about our work along special lines in these states. It is a plan worth trying - it may touch some girl's heart so that she will feel it her mission to help fulfil van Dyke's command:

"Through all the waiting land proclaim
The gospel of good will;
And may the joy of Jesus' name
In every bosom thrill.

"O'er hill and vale from sea to sea, Thy holy reign extend; By faith and hope and charity America befriend."

GLADYS M. TOPPING,

State Director of Young Woman's work in Illinois.



#### Four New W. W. G. Officers!

Since September 1 we have added to our "Efficiency Experts" four fine new secretaries, and you will be glad to know them by name: Miss Eleanor Tompkins for Southern California, Miss Elsie Kappen for Wisconsin, Miss Elinore Mapes for Minnesota, and Miss Carolyn Smith for Northwestern District.

Have you sent for the Jubilee Recruiting literature? Ask your Association Secretary, she knows!





O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray;

Cast out our sin, and enter in; Be born in us to-day.

We hear the Christmas angels, The great glad tidings tell;

O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!



#### Susie Stoner's Message

Miss Stoner graduated from the Baptist Missionary Training School in 1915. Since that time she has been a most successful missionary among the Japanese in the home at Seattle, Washington:

Dear Worth While Girls:

You all belong to me as I belong to all of you, and to all I send greetings.

The days have not been idle. Following an every member canvass of the Japanese community, the month of October was largely given over to work among 600 women with whom we are already in touch. Divided into four groups, with a group meeting each Tuesday, we try to make it possible for every Japanese woman to

attend at least one Christian meeting a month. A seven-day cradle roll campaign is also in progress with 35 babies enrolled at the close of the third day's efforts.

Your missionaries are happy as the work becomes more intensive as well as extensive.

Your program committee did not include me among its "toasters" for tonight, but had they asked me, five things would have been mentioned. These five I chose to call—

Worth While Goals for Worth While Girls.

Growing Guilds — more girls.
Gaining Ground — more study.
Grasping God — more prayer.
Golden Giving — more gifts.
Glorious Gospel — more service.
Yours in His service,
Susie Stoner.

#### Listen to This!

One Chapter in a western city has pledged the salary, \$600, of its own missionary, and before November first had paid into the treasury \$500 toward that pledge. Isn't it great to hear of a group of young women who not only make a worthy gift, but do it so promptly that our Treasurer is not embarrassed by being obliged to borrow money. Cannot more of us follow this splendid example?



"THE LOVE LIGHT SOCIETY" IN TOKYO, JAPAN. THE FLOWERS WERE AFTERWARDS GIVEN TO THE PATIENTS IN IMPERIAL HOSPITAL

## **TIDINGS**

FROM BAPTIST WOMAN'S WORK IN HOME MISSION FIELDS

CONDUCTED BY JANE MAYNARD



#### AROUND THE CHRISTMAS FIRE

BY ESTELLA SUTTON AITCHISON



on a Bethlehem hearthstone, yet it kindled a fire that through nearly twenty centuries has smouldered eleven months of each year only to

blaze up during the twelfth in refulgent light and glory. Is this festival, dear to the hearts of sixty generations, losing its significance? Ask yourself, in some moment of quiet communion. Can you listen with unbowed heart to the voices of the children singing of the angels and the shepherds? Have you become so world-weary or so wise that you can look upon the Star without a tenderness that comes at no other time in the whole year? No; unnumbered Christian hearts in every land still keep the day with all reverence and worship.

We must not be disheartened by the fact that our twentieth century Santa Claus has become such a thoroughgoing commercial traveler that he sometimes forgets the great Gift which gives to all others their significance. Let us earnestly address ourselves this year to the redemption of Christmas sentiment from commercial usages and give to the current of feeling the impetus and direction of a fresh channel.

Instead of merely a personal greeting, why not translate your "Merry Christmas" into the vernacular of America's many tongues? Scan closely the features of the Christmas Spirit just about to enter our homes for his annual visit. Why, he is only the Missionary Spirit in holiday

attire! Strange we never noticed it before! But what could be more fitting than that he should be our special guest at this particular season "when all the world is kin?"

With him in the seat of honor, shall we now draw up around the cozy fire, and closing our eyes, let the Vision speak to us. . . .

It is a large place where the banners of England, Germany and France, ancient Turkey and modern Hellas, the Chinese dragon and the Japanese rising sun, United Italy and alien Austria hang side by side, and the Stars and Stripes over all. The children of many races are there with pale faces transformed by the joy of the season. The mothers are there, too, and some of the fathers, the stories of pain, poverty and suffering written large on their faces. They are all aglow just now, for this is the Christmas celebration, and happiness is so wholesome.

But look! The place has suddenly gone dark, and bitter curses, weeping, strife, profanity and discord drown out the carol. A catastrophe, is it not? Yet we have merely put out the Christmas fires kindled by the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society during the past forty years! Had you ever realized how great a place they filled? In her large hospitality our Society longs to give hearth room to all the needy women and children in this broad land. But the place is already overcrowded and multitudes outside are clamoring for entrance.

Would that the Christmas Spirit which is the Missionary Spirit might stir your smouldering Yule Log into a blaze that would warm the women and children of many nations gathered in Christian America!

Think back for a moment over the long line of Christmas fires touching the horizon of your life: You with your father and mother, brothers and sisters, and some loved voice telling the Bethlehem story; then your wedded home with husband and little ones gathered in the rosy glow; later, it may be, your grandchildren with you as the honored guest. Can you bear to think of children with hearts as joy-hungry as yours sitting in ignorance and sorrow when all the world rejoices? Does it mean nothing to you that parents as devoted as your own have no manger story to tell their little ones, no tiniest token in memory of the world's greatest Gift? There will be many thousands of them scattered through our cities and over the western plains this season.

Let the largest gift you make to any friend be the one you offer to the Bethlehem Babe through his needy little ones on mission fields. When you gather round your own Christmas fire, remember in earnest prayer the 335 workers who are telling the story of the manger, the shepherds and the wise men to Mexicans, Alaskans, Indians, Negroes, Cubans, Porto Ricans and the many New Americans in our midst.

This much you can do for the Christmas already at our doors. But how long do you think it takes to get ready for a really big Christmas? Not a week or a month but 365 whole days full of love and thoughtful

planning. When the candles are out and the hearthfire burns low, do not say, "There, that is over for another year!" but with reverent heart resolve that you and your mission circle will help our W. A. B. H. M. S. plan a whole forest of Christmas trees in ample time to bear their golden fruit next year all through the desert places of our land.



#### THE RUBY ANNIVERSARY

Nebraska has the honor of being the first state to send in a "Fortieth Anniversary Gift." Good for Nebraska!

Massachusetts came next with one woman enrolled in the \$40.00 group.

Then came Indiana, Kansas, New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Ohio in the order named.

Pennsylvania lead in the total amount sent in by November 1st, having contributed sum of \$232.00.

Illinois has a goodly number of pledges reported to the State Director.

Appoint your "Ruby Gift Gatherer" at once. Look diligently for the larger gifts but do not overlook the smaller ones.

Just think what it would mean to have an Anniversary Gift from every single woman. Can't we?

Here are some of the things that these Anniversary Gifts will do:



GUESS WHAT THIS GROUP MEANS. SEE JANUARY ISSUE



WORK TO BE DONE IN NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS

#### CHRISTIAN NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS

You will remember that we plan in our Five Year Program to establish five Christian Neighborhood Centers in five cities. The first one we propose to build in Cleveland. For the furnishings and equipment we shall need to draw upon this Anniversary Fund.

#### A HOSTEL IN RIO PIEDRAS, PORTO RICO

The greatest need today in Porto Rico is for this "Hostel," a Christian home for girls who come to the Government Institute in Rio Piedras. This is the only large normal school on the island. The government provides no dormitories. Our Baptist girls as well as others are obliged to board in Catholic homes while there. This "Hostel" would also be a Christian center for our workers.

## THE MAINTENANCE OF CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS IN SAN SALVADOR

Our missionaries find it necessary to have day schools for the children of Christian parents and others connected with the mission. Here as in all foreign countries, the school is the most effective means of reaching the homes and sometimes is the *only* avenue of approach.

#### A MEMORIAL FOR JOANNA P. MOORE

Sister Moore was the first missionary of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society. The work of the FireSIDE SCHOOL which she inaugurated has proven a continuing blessing to the negro. A permanent fund for the work of the FIRESIDE SCHOOL would be a most fitting memorial for her.



#### A New Missions Home

The Interdenominational Committee of the Central West for Missions has been given a site for a Mission's Home at Winona Lake, Indiana, by the Woman's Assembly (which is now an Interdenominational Assembly). Women of the Central West who are accustomed to look to the Winona Summer School of Missions for missionary inspiration and instruction will rejoice at this prospect of a permanent home for the School of Missions. The Home will have an assembly hall, large enough to accommodate the sessions of the School and a number of guest rooms where missionaries on furlough may be entertained furing the Bible Conference. Shares are \$5 each, payable in five annual payments of \$1. All money should be sent to the Treasurer, Mrs. W. J. Pruner, 6139 Kimbark Avenue, Chicago, Ill.



Christmas has made you glad year after year. Whose Christmas will you make glad this year?

## BAPTIST MISSIONARY TRAINING SCHOOL

#### Reported by Lillian M. Soares

QUEEN B. M. T. S.

Friday evening, October 6th, the new girls of the school pledged allegiance to Queen B. M. T. S. The representatives of each state were conducted down the aisle between loyal subjects to the throne on which sat the gracious sovereign in regal robes and jewels. Before the august assemblage the prime minister solemnly administered the oath of life-long fealty to the beloved ruler. The royal entertainers performed brilliantly and the court disposed itself to merriment and refreshment.

#### PRAYER SERVICES

A few innovations in the prayer services this term have proved most helpful. The daily chapel hour from 12 to 12.30 is in charge of student leaders on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. On Tuesday there is an inspirational address on leadership by a prominent speaker of or visiting the city. On Thursday various classes meet separately for prayer. The Student Volunteer Band holds its weekly prayer circle during quiet hour.

#### INTERESTING GOSSIP

Total enrolment to date is 69; American 40, German 4, colored 6, Hungarian 2, Mexican 2, Norwegian 4, Swedish 2, Scotch 2, English 2, one each Danish, Slovak, Bohemian, Italian and Japanese. Twenty-three states are represented, beside Mexico and Japan.

The Wednesday after-dinner hour is devoted to a "Get Together Party." The girls sew and crochet before a cosy fire while a book is read or a discussion led by some member of the faculty.

The students are working in 8 industrial schools and visiting on 20 fields. Miss Goff and Miss Rundel are working in the South Chicago Italian Mission. Miss Tubman reports the baptism of two women at the Chinese mission.

Misc Emmeline Banks, '16, is studying at the McMinnville College. The college is raising an endowment of \$300,000. McMinnville in Oregon and Redlands in California are the only Baptist colleges west of the Rockies. There are eight Rocky Mountain girls in the school to recite McMinnville's past struggles, victories and hopes for the future. In an enthusiastic meeting \$40 was contributed by the students to the endowment fund.

Every woman's organization should carry at least one Training School scholarship of \$175. Michigan and Missouri provide two scholarships each. There are now two promising young women who cannot enter the school because of lack of funds; one is a registered nurse who could fill a great need on the field. Will not some daughterless mother send some other woman's daughter to the Training School? \$175 per year + a consecrated girl = a trained worker for Christ!

A gratifying interchange of faculty has been arranged. Miss Chappell, instructor in Bible and Social Service in the Chicago (M. E.) Training School, teaches "Introduction to Sociology" two hours a week. Next term students from the Chicago Training School will come to our Domestic Science laboratory for work in cooking under Miss McKay.

Prof. Edgar J. Goodspeed of the University is giving a course in "Outlines of the New Testament." Dr. F. L. Anderson is offering a three-hour course on Paul.

#### CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR B. M. T. S.

Holiday Suggestions! Victrola records. Table napkins 22 in.; tablecloths 72 in. x 3½ yds; sheets 63 x 99; dresser scarfs; dish, roller and hand towels.

Farmers' Wives! Attention! Pack a barrel of apples, potatoes or cabbages and send to the girls.

One case of canned fruit received without a name Many thanks!

### ITEMS OF INTEREST

A kind friend has furnished the Carneyville Kindergarten with the long wishedfor folding organ. The attendance at the meetings has increased, the singing has become a new source of pleasure and it is manifest that in the hearts of the children there is a great fondness for the "little piano".

Mrs. Paula Barocio Tooms, missionary in Monterey, Mexico, writes: "Seven have been received into the church by baptism, among them a mother and her five daughters, two of whom are trained teachers who hope to enter missionary work in our school in Puebla. We know that they will be a great help to the work."

November 1st marks the date of the closing of all the saloons of Virginia. Mrs. B. C. Mebane writes that the colored women of Portsmouth were to have a special meeting in celebration of the occasion.

Miss Lucy Evans, recently appointed to the Saddle Mountain field, found one of her first impressions of the Kiowa Indians to be their devotion to the church. She gave as illustration the testimony of one of the women: "Me go church. All time go, go, go church. Come home, sit

down, go church maybeso next Sunday. Heap sick. Go hospital maybeso next week. Come home well. Go church."

The Garnet Street Mission of Los Angeles won the flag given at the Baptist Rally for the largest delegation from among the missions. It hopes soon to have a new fence around the mission hall. The nails have already been donated.

Miss Grace Dowd, our missionary trained nurse among the Crow Indians of Pryor, Montana, has won for herself not only the love of the Indians but the generous praise of outsiders, by the efficient and untiring efforts which she made to cope with the dreadful infantile paralysis prevalent among her people.

Miss Hilda D. Krause, missionary among the Germans of Cincinnati, suggests a new way to do something for missions for those who have flower gardens. She tells how last summer she saw children in the city streets making "play gardens" out of gravel and sand with sticks for roses and strings for sweet peas. Among such as these she was privileged through the garden and the kindness of a friend to distribute real flowers, which turned out to be magic keys to open doors and seeds to blossom into beautiful lives. This is a suggestion for the garden-makers of next year.

Miss Harriet Saunders has "ended ten happy years at Mather Industrial School" in Beaufort, S. C.

## WORKERS' DEPARTMENT

#### CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Is it not fitting that this month of giving should offer one of the longest lists of "Wants" ever missionaries asked? Read the enumeration below and see the multiplicity of the needs: needles, thread or a sewing-machine, linings, lamps or linen, hair ribbons, handkerchiefs or hammers,—all are there. And if you prefer to give to Indians, or Italians, to Mexicans or Negroes, to people of the city or the Spanish-

speaking islands of the sea, you have but to choose from the list. Here is a simple way for you, whose Christmas joy is assured, to share some of your own happiness with the needy ones of your own land, for His sake.

#### DAUGHTERS' DAY

Have you arranged your program for Daughters' Day? Every woman's society should give one afternoon each year to the daughters. Make it a festive, in-

structive occasion. One church had an afternoon with the Indians, those of America and those of the east. Stories were told by different ones of the life of each of these peoples. On two tables there were curios, pictures and post-cards depicting their various modes of living here and in India. Of course you will have refreshments. Make it such a happy time that the girls will want to come again.

If you have a reflectograph or some such lantern, the pictures and post cards may be shown on a screen. The secretaries of literature of both societies will be glad to help you with stories and other material for this and other programs. One might be worked out upon the Chinese in this country and in China. There are so many helps ready for you that there is no excuse for letting an opportunity slip by to interest your daughters. Tell them about the "Ruby Anniversary." They will be especially interested in the new "Hostel" for the girls in Rio Piedras, Porto Rico.



### PRAYER CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

Pray for each missionary of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society on her birthday. This Prayer Calendar gives opportunity for special prayers at that time.

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Dec. 9. — Miss Minnie Matthews, missionary among the mining people, Box 154, Walsenburg, Colo.

Dec. 10. — Miss Martha I. Ames, missionary among the Chinese, 458 Castro Street, San Francisco, Cal.

Dec. 16. — Mrs. Bertha I. Beeman, missionary among the Hopi Indians, Toreva, Ariz.

Dec. 17. — Miss Martha Howell, Dean of the Missionary Department, National Training School for Women and Girls, Lincoln Heights, Washington, D. C. Dec. 18. — Miss Jane Maynard, Editor, W. A. B. H. M. S., 2969 Vernon Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Dec. 21. — Mrs. Luella J. Randall, teacher among the Indians, Murrow Indian Orphanage, Bacone, Okla.

Dec. 25. — Miss Sarah E. Owen, secretary at Mather Industrial School, Beaufort, S. C.

Dec. 26. — Miss Belle Chisakofsky, missionary among the mixed Slavic populations, 1204 West 4th Street, Wilmington, Del.

Dec. 27. — Miss Ella Knapp, missionary among the negroes, 1700 N. 15th Avenue, Birmingham, Ala.; Miss Dixie Williams, teacher among the negroes in Hartshorn Memorial College, Richmond, Va.

Dec. 30. — Miss Joan Saunders, matron at Murrow Indian Orphanage, Bacone, Okla.

Dec. 31. — Miss Dagny Peterson, general missionary, 1905 Howard Avenue, Seattle, Wash.

Jan. 1. — Mrs. Darthula Ghee, missionary among the negroes, 719 South First Street, Clarksville, Tenn.; Miss May C. Hamilton, teacher among the negroes at Spelman Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.; Miss Pauline Whiting, missionary among the Mono Indians, Dunlap, Cat.

Jan. 6. — Miss Marie Meereis, missionary among the Slavic populations, 200 W. 13th Avenue, McKeesport,

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### GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS

How shall you celebrate Christ's Birthday? What more appropriate gift can you give your friends than one with a missionary thought?

The First Christmas. A Program of beautiful Christmas carols and recitations for the Sunday School. Send for a supply for your school and instill in the children the true Christmas Spirit of giving by taking a special offering for the children of our land who do not know the meaning of Christmas.

The Christmas Spirit. Suggestions for the Celebration of Christmas for Churches and communities—10 cents.

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The Little Foreigners' Christmas Eve. Seven impressive tableaux. Just what you are seeking for your Christmas entertainment.—5 cents.

Home Mission Primer. For the little tots. The colored pictures and gay rhymes will delight them—31 per doz., each 10 cents.

Little Native Americans. Did you enjoy a tracing book when you were little? Children have not changed, and those in your home or Sunday-school class will love this little Indian missionary tracing book —31 per doz., each 10 cents.

Little Spanish Neighbors. That delightfully attractive booklet on Latin America giving a trip with a "pretend cap" for Baptist children—50 cents per doz., each 5 cents.

Immigrant Madonna. Have you seen this beautifully colored postcard with its touching appeal from an immigrant mother? There are only 500 of these cards left, so send at once. They will give you something new in a Christmas card—3 for 5 cents.

Pocket Edition Series. Cuba, Porto Rico, Mexico, the Japanese in America, Alaska, etc., put up in a special Christmas packet, will be appropriate for the woman whose heart is in missions—10 cents.

Missionary Hymnal. Make your missionary society a useful Christmas Gift. Why not have each woman give a Hymnal to the society at your Christmas meeting? Postage 3 cents, each 10 cents.

Kiowa. The Story of a Blanket Indian Mission. Your friends who know Miss Isabel Crawford will value a copy of this book in which she tells of her ten years' work among the Indians—31.25.

Twenty-third Psalm. In the Indian Costume, will appeal to those who know of her splendid work—15 cents.

World Wide Guild Chapter by presenting them with a most appropriate Christmas gift, the Guild Pin, a star, the emblem of our Saviour's birth—35 cents.

#### THE NEW THINGS

Prudence Prepares. Prudence writes to her friend, Polly, in a characteristically schoolgirl fashion her impressions as a freshman in the Baptist Missionary Training School. You will miss a treat if you do not read this sprightly booklet with its lively illustrations—

3 cents.

The Story of It. Is another sparkling story of the Training School, telling how it came into being -2

rents.

The Central Republics of Central America. Is the whole story of our Baptist work there and will be indispensable in your study of Latin America — 5 cents. The Day of Prayer for Home Missions. December Programs now ready for distribution.

Sketches of Missionaries. New and Revised. Edna Oden, Eva Garcia, May Covington, Marie Norgaard, Bernice Foulke, Eleanor Blackmore, Ada Shepherd, Isabel Crawford, Ata Simmons, Nathana Clyde, Beulah Hume, Mary Sundell, and Susie Stoner. Samples free — 50 for 5 cents.

From Plasa, Patio and Palen. The new intermediate study book for young people of the teen age, based on the study book for older people, Old Spain in New America, and written by Mrs. Wade. Don't let the Juniors miss it. Paper, 25 cents, postage 4 cents.

cents.
Send orders for all Home Mission Literature to Literature Department, 2969 Vernon Ave., Chicago, Ill.



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### WANTS OF MISSIONARIES

CITY MISSIONS

Mrs. Edith Sturgill, 3633 S. 23rd St., Omaha, Neb. — Scissors, thread, needles, material for sewing

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Miss Olive A. Warren, 732 Jefferson St., Gary, Ind.—Picture cards with Scripture texts, small Testaments in English and Roumanian.
Miss Ada Shepherd, Box 51, Eureka, Utah.—Material for handkerchiefs, pieces of chintz.
Miss May Morey, Aiken Inst., Morgan and Monroe Sts., Chicago, Ill.—Five-yard lengths of gingham, calico or outing flannel, partially worn clothing, second-hand sewing-machine.

Miss Beulah B. Hume, Baracoa, Oriente, Cuba. — Church organ. Miss Margaret Renshow, Iglesia Bautista, Bayamo, Cuba. — Balls, dolls, handkerchiefs.

#### GERMANS

Miss Hilda D. Krause, 2213 Wheeler St., Cincinnati, Ohio. — Towelling for sewing school.

Miss Martha Troeck, Ellis Island, N. Y. — Christmas boxes, men's clothing, good shoes for men and children, quilts and blankets.

### INDIANS

Miss Joan Saunders, Murrow Indian Orphanage, Ba-cone, Okla. — (Freight and express, Muskogee). — Bed and table linen, primary supplies, drawing paper, crayola, 12 pair scissors, Perry pictures.

PORTO RICO

Miss Lydia Huber, Box 32, Rio Piedras, San Juan, Porto Rico. — White thread, No. 60 and 70, needles, No. 7, 8 and 9, scissors, small thimbles.

SLAVIC RACES

Miss Alice M. Jameson, 947 State St., Bridgeport, Conn. — Dark cotton flannel goods, carpenter tools such as hammers, saws, planes, sloyd knives. Miss Nathana Clyde, 2110 Quindaro Blvd., Kansas City, Kansas — Tennis flannel, calico and gingham in 2 to 5 yards lengths for children's aprons and dresses in sewing school.

#### SYRIANS

Miss Carrie B. Masteller, Franklin Square House, 11 E. Newton Street, Boston, Mass.— Christmas dolls, hair ribbons, kindergarten supplies. Miss Ida Wofflard, Crow Indian Mission, Lodge Grass, Mont.— Large mirror and two bracket lamps for

Mont. — Large mirror and two bracket lamps for girls' dormitory.

Miss Nora L. Swenson, Saddle Mountain, Okla.

(Freight and express, Mountain View, C. R. I. & P. R. R.). — Unbasted quilt blocks, linings and yarn for tying, Christmas barrels.

Miss Abigail Johnson, Polacca, Arizona — (Freight and express, Winslow). — Baby dresses for Christmas, patch-work

patch-work.

Miss Bernice Foulke, Auberry, Cal. (Freight and express, via Elparado). — Christmas boxes, quilt linings and quilt pieces.

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Miss Eva Fewel, Piute Indian Mission, Fallon, Nevada. — Crochet cotton, needles, thread No. 30.

Miss Pauline Whiting, Dunlap, Cal. — Bath towels,-wash cloths and toilet soap.

Miss Edna Oden, Wyola, Mont. — Quilt pieces not basted.

ITALIANS

Miss Ruth Nelson, Franklin Square House, 11 E. New ton St., Boston, Mass. — Kindergarten supplies. Miss Ethel Downsbrough, 3342 N. 16th St., Phila-delphia, Pa. — Dolls and boys' toys for Christmas

Miss Cora Beath, 213 E. 123rd St., New York City, N. Y. — Old copies of Missions.

Miss June Barber, 291 Hamilton Ave., Trenton, N. J. — Materials for dolls' clothing; pieces for braided rugs.

MEXICANS

Mrs. Martha L. Knowles, 1306 K. St., Fresno, Cal. — Christmas box, second-hand clothing, material for industrial school.

NEGROES

Cora E. Pettus, 156 Henry St., Crassewing Tenn. — Clothing, shoes, material for sewing school, Christmas box.

V. J. C. Rogers, 900 Nebraska Ave., Kansas Mrs.

school, Christmas box.

Mrs. Lydia C. Rogers, 900 Nebraska Ave., Kansas City, Kansas.— Religious tracts, toys, books, dolls and candy boxes for Christmas.

Mrs. B. C. Mebane, 310 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, Va. — Basted garments for children, clothing, shoes and bed linen.

Miss Ella M. Varian, 1703 Monroe St., Vicksburg, Miss.— Basted quilt blocks, clothing.

Miss Julia A. Watson, 2021 Marion St., Columbia, S. C. — Sunday School primary leaflets, temperance and missionary literature, material for sewing

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Mrs. Nellie L. Bishop, 11 E. St., Chattanooga, Tenn. — Gingham aprons for women, coarse print Bibles, remnants, recent Sunday-School papers.
Miss Ada F. Morgan, 612 Gay St., Nashville, Tenn. — Christmas presents for women and children, tea aprons for young women.
Miss Grace Newton, Box 43, James City, N. C. — Christmas boxes of toys and clothing, kindergarten materials, blackboard.
Miss Ella Knapp, 1700 N. 15th Ave., Birmingham, Ala. — Clothing for old and young, Christmas boxes.
Mrs. L. A. Hope, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga. — Table linen, bedding, cooking utensils, games, books for children.
Mrs. Maria C. Kenney, Roger Williams University, Nashville, Tenn. — Table linen, towels, sheets.
Mrs. Darthula Ghee, 719 S. First St., Clarksville, Tenn. — Box or barrel for Christmas.
Miss Kate E. Gale, Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va. — Sheets for single beds, pillow cases, chairs for class rooms, napkin rings.

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### A Decennial Anniversary

The Department of Missionary Education will complete the first ten years of its history on December 31st, 1916. A committee of the Department is at work on plans for a suitable decennial celebration. It is proposed to make 1917 a missionary education year. The January number of Missions will give full information. Some big things are being projected.

Let us make missionary education central in our thought and plans, as it is fundamental to the richest life of the churches.

#### You Almost Missed It!

Almost, but not quite. You were probably very busy when the letter came telling you about the Home Mission Tour for Sunday schools to Latin-North America, or when you first read of it in Missions. The Tour is now well along, but it is not too late to use some of these delightful exercises, and the Christmas program.

This program is particularly well suited to those who have little time for its preparation. It is very attractive, and yet so simple as to require little rehearsal. entitled "The First Christmas." The cover page is a reproduction of the "small Cowper Madonna," also known as the "Panshanger Raphael." The painting, which is but 24 x 17 inches, was bought by Mr. P. A. B. Widener of Philadelphia for a price said to exceed \$700,000. Art experts consider it one of the finest works of the famous painter. It is one of three which were painted in 1505 in Florence, during the height of Raphael's power. The Christmas carols in this program have been selected with great care and represent the best English and American types. The literary exercises required for the program are printed in the collections of primary and advanced stories provided for the Latin-North American Tour.

Write immediately to the Department

of Missionary Education, 23 East 26th St., New York, indicating the number of programs required for your school and you can easily get supplies in time to prepare for a great Home Mission Day. Offerings taken in connection with this program are distributed equally between the American Baptist Home Mission Society and the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society.

### A Sunday School Tour of Japan, 1916-1917

During the winter of 1916-1917 the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society propose jointly to take the Baptist Sunday schools in the United States on a Sunday-school tour of Japan. Plans are now being made for a visit of eight weeks' duration to this fascinating country, and if instructions are faithfully carried out, the entire tour can be completed without interfering in the slightest degree with the regular lessons arranged for the Sunday schools during that period. Strange as it may seem, it will be possible, with a good imagination and careful attention to directions, for every person in the Sunday school from the superintendent to the youngest pupil in the Primary Department to enjoy a visit of eight Sundays in Japan without leaving the classroom.

Further information regarding the plans will be issued later. For the present it will suffice to indicate briefly the main points of interest that will be visited on this tour. The eight Sundays will be devoted as follows:

1. A study of the map of Japan, with particular attention to the geography and the strategic position of the country.

2. General survey of Japanese commercial and political progress, with special emphasis on the importance of Christianizing this leading empire of the Orient

3. A special sail on the "Tukuin Maru" among the beautiful islands of the Inland Sea, studying the remarkable evangelistic work being done by this Gospel Ship.

4. A study of Baptist Sunday schools in Japan, noticing especially the active part taken by young Japanese Christians in the direction and conduct of these schools.

5. Brief glimpses of the Baptist schools and colleges and other leading educational institutions.

6. The inspection of the marvelously successful Christian kindergartens in Japan.

7. A general study of the Japanese Christians at work, with particular emphasis upon the various activities and service rendered by the Christians of Japan.

8. General study of present important Baptist opportunities and responsibilities in Japan, with special attention to the outstanding needs of the immediate future.

All Sunday schools which decide to take this tour will be furnished with the follow-

ing necessary supplies:

1. A series of striking, attractive wall charts, one for each Sunday, for display in the schoolroom. The beautifully colored charts used last year in the study of "Sunday Schools Around the World" will long be remembered. Nevertheless, the new charts will prove even more attractive.

2. A series of interesting guide books in the form of lesson stories, explaining the charts. These will be provided for three grades, namely:— Kindergarten-Primary, Junior-Intermediate and Senior-Adults.

3. A fine Easter concert program which will endeavor to summarize the results of the tour for the benefit of the entire school and congregation. A more elaborate program published by the Missionary Education Movement will also be furnished to Sunday schools making specific requests for the latter program.

4. Boxes and envelopes, in which the pupils and teachers may place contributions from Sunday to Sunday during the eight weeks of the tour, such contributions to be used for the support of Baptist mis-

sion work in Japan.

All of the above material will be furnished free of charge to all Sunday schools on condition that it will be faithfully and regularly used The two foreign mission

societies earnestly desire that a large number of Baptist Sunday schools throughout the territory of the Northern Baptist Convention will enjoy the pleasures and benefits of this tour of Japan and will at once make plans for the use of the material during the eight Sundays ending with Easter, 1917. It is anticipated that all Sunday schools taking this tour will wish to take an Easter offering or make a special contribution toward the Baptist work in Japan, and it is hoped that such offerings will be as generous as possible.

For futher information samples, supplies, and all particulars, address the Department of Missionary Education, 23 East 26th St., New York City; Literature Department, A. B. F. M. S., Box 41, Boston, Mass., or Publication Department, W. A. B. F. M. S.,

450 East 30th St., Chicago, Ill.



### How It Helped a Pastor

The pastor of the Baptist Church at Montgomery Centre, Vermont, received a packet of Five Year Program literature on a Saturday morning and he immediately wrote to the secretary of the Committee stating that it had acted on his mind and heart like a tonic and had greatly stimulated him for the work of the following Sunday. A later letter brought the rest of the story:

"You remember that I said your previous letter came just in time to encourage me for my Sunday work. Perhaps you would be pleased to know that at the close of the morning service no less than twelve accepted Christ and since then one or two more as a result of the same sevice have come forward."

This is a good illustration of what we believe is taking place all over the country. Nothing has so stimulated and heartened our Baptist pastors in a generation as has the Five Year Program.



Not in the turmoil of the busy street, Nor in the noise and confusion of the throng,

But in ourselves are triumphs and defeats.

- Longfellow.



#### ANSWERS WILL BE FOUND IN THIS ISSUE

1. How much per capita for liquor was spent by the people of the United States in 1914?

2. Who sailed from San Francisco, October 24?

3. What is the Sunday school enrolment at Cokeville, Colorado?

4. Who tells in this issue of "A Modern Miracle?"

5. "It isn't drawing the horse that is so hard"—Finish the sentence.

6. What was the first State to send in a "Fortieth Anniversary Gift?"

7. What is the name of the Teacher at Aingylieze?

8. Who is the new recruit from Wichita,

9. How many ministers and missionaries are there in the Northern Baptist Convention territory

10. What did a little girl say to Miss Jesse of Japan last Christmas?

11. How many persons took notes in twelve Sunday School Institutes in the Big Horn Baptist Association?

12. On what page are the pictures of the

Tanquist and Kirby children?

13. How many figures are there on the Indian Costume Shelf in the Editor's Room? 14. Who wrote the charming Travel Story?"

15. Who wants a church organ?16. What Baptist school has a "queen" for

17. What place in India had a Christmas tree for the first time last year?

18. What is Dr. O. P. Gifford's grandchild trying to do? 19. How many of his 22 rupees did NYAY

give for the Convention?

20. What are the Buddhists beginning to organize in Japan? Answer to No. 17 in November is not given in

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the number.

### Five Year Program Methods

SUGGESTIONS TO LEADERS FOR GOAL ONE

The following admirable suggestions were prepared for his church by Rev. Newton M. Simmonds, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Elizabeth, N. J.:

1. Try to fit yourself by prayer for this great work to which God has called you.

2. Gather as many as possible of your group together, when you have a full evening or afternoon to give to the matter. Hurried plans are usually poor plans.

3. State clearly to your group the purpose of the meeting, to prepare to win souls to Christ.

4. Spend the first half-hour in prayer for the salvation of men and for the members of the group, if possible getting all to pray.

5. Choose the persons for whose salvation you will pray and work. These names must not be mentioned outside the group To allow names to be known may do the greatest possible harm and defeat the end in view.

6. Do not go to them at once, but get the members of the group to pray individually for their salvation for at least three weeks before approaching them.

7. In the meantime, by personal invitation get them to attend church services, if they do not already do so.

8. When the time comes to approach them with the question of personal salvation, appoint someone to do this, remembering that it is frequently better to follow the apostolic method and go "two by two."

9. If they give themselves to Christ, then see that they are brought into church membership.

10. It is a good plan when the work of the evening or afternoon is done to separate at once, lest the impressions of the hour be dimmed by merely social conversation.

The greatest thing of all however is to fit your own heart to lead others, and to be led yourself by the Spirit of God.





JANUARY. The Foreign Missionary.

FEBRUARY. Baptist Foreign Missions.

March. Missions and Peace.

April. The Need for Training.

May. The Gospel Afloat and Awheel.

JUNE. The Bible and the People.

JULY. The Bible a Missionary Book.

August. The Northern Baptist Convention.

SEPTEMBER. The Mission of our State to the Nation and the World.

OCTOBER. The Italian in America; What Can We Do for Him?

NOVEMBER. The Italian in America; What Can He Do for Us?

DECEMBER. Missionary Mile-stones.

### JANUARY TOPIC: "THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY"

HYMNS: "O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling."

"Go, labor on; spend and be spent."

SCRIPTURE: John 17.

PROGRAM: (1) The Call.

(2) The Cost.(3) The Critics.

(4) The Challenge.

HYMN: "Oh, use me, Lord, use even me."

### NOTES

This program calls for four short, snappy talks, which, with incidents from missionary lives, (Ann of Ava; Life of John G. Paton; Life of David Livingstone), will make them most telling.

The material for this program will be found in the "Why and How of Foreign Missions," by Arthur J. Brown. This may be obtained from the Publication Society or from the Department of Missionary Education, cloth 60 cents, paper 40 cents, postpaid. It would be very well to crystallize the interest produced in this meeting by forming a mission study class to spend eight weeks on this remarkably strong mission study book.

- (1) Calls for a review of chapters 1 and 3,—the missionary aim and motive and qualifications and appointment. It might be well to consult "What Constitutes a Missionary Call," by Robert E. Speer. It may be obtained from the Department of Missionary Education, 23 East 26th St., New York, for 5 cents.
- (2) This calls for a review of chapter 8. It would be well to gather from the lives of Ann Hasseltine and David Livingstone some incidents which would show the cost of their sacrifice.
- (3) This is a review of chapter 7. This chapter could be used advantageously as a dialogue between a globe trotter and a missionary friend, bringing arguments both for and against foreign missions.
- (4) This is a review of chapters 5 and 6, the missionary at work, and the need and work of the native church suggesting the challenge.



## From The Editor's Note Book

### The Week of Prayer

The World's Evangelical Alliance has announced the following topics for the Week of Prayer from Sunday, Dec. 31st, 1916, to Saturday, Jan. 6th, 1917:

Sunday Texts: Luke 13:8-9; Eph. 1:22, 23; Hab. 2:4; 1 Chron. 28:9.

Monday: Thanksgiving and Humiliation.

Tuesday: The Church Universal— Penitence and Prayer.

Wednesday: Nations and their Rulers. Thursday: Missions among Moslems and the Heathen.

Friday: Families, Schools, Colleges and the Young.

Saturday: Missions at the Home Base and among the Jews.

For the Wednesday topic it is suggested that prayer be offered for the world-wide recognition of the supreme law of love, for the development of brotherhood among the nations, that the growing spirit of nationalism may be guided by Christian ideals, and that lasting peace may be established with righteousness.

#### Note and Comment

We have received from the Publication Society the Gospel of Mark in Hungarian. "Szent Mark" is the title, and on another page you will find a verse or two, to show how the Hungarian looks and sounds. It is excellent work for the Society to furnish these parts of the New Testament in foreign tongues at so low a price (three cents) as to bring them within reach of all. The Hungarians appreciate this aid, as do the other peoples likewise treated.

The Worcester Central Congregational Association this year gave its program to the vitally important question of immigration. We give the topics, as a suggestion to some of our Associations and churches: Rev. Garabed M. Manavian on "What Worcester's Immigrant Citizens are Doing for the Immigrant"; "What the Worcester Y. M. C. A. is Doing for the Immigrant"; "The Making of an American Citizen"; "What the Worcester

Public Schools are Doing for the Immigrant"; "What Congregationalism in Massachusetts is Doing for the Immigrant"; and "Our Immigrant Citizens." This was treated by Mr. Joseph Spano, of Boston, Field Secretary of the North American Civic League for Immigrants. The first speaker was Rev. Garabed M. Manavian, an Armenian.

How wonderfully the gospel works! A talented young Hindu named Sircar called at the Y. M. C. A. in Calcutta some sixteen years ago, with purpose to convert the new Secretary, J. Campbell White, to Hinduism. The result was that Mr. Sircar was led to study the Bible, then to accept Christ, and for years he has been traveling secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Bengal, and a most effective evangelist, declaring himself a true Hindu because he has followed the Hindu teachings and aspirations through to the end—Jesus Christ. The Missionary Review of the World gives this incident.

The Presbyterians are to celebrate in December the 200th anniversary of the founding of the First Presbyterian Church of New York, now located near the south end of Fifth Avenue, and amply endowed. The early members came from England and Scotland. Presbyterianism is strong in New York, having 48,500 members, while the Episcopalians have 72,500, the Lutherans 43,300, Baptists 37,800, and Methodists 34,500, Congregationalists 23,400, and Reformed 19,500. These figures include Greater New York, of which Brooklyn is a part, and a very large part so far as the churches go.

Mr. Yung Tow, who gave 5,000 New Testaments to Chinese literary men last year, affirming at the time that he was not a Christian, has since professed Christianity and united with the Chinese Independent Church in Peking. He delights in giving, and has promised the Y. M. C. A. \$4,000 (Mexican) a year for educational work.





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#### Christmas on the Mission Fields

The shortage of holiday goods which was felt last year in many places on account of the war did not affect our mission at Tavoy, Burma, because of the foresightedness of the missionaries. They had purchased all the remaining stock of toys the previous Christmas and so were able to distribute 1650 bags of sweetness and joy to as many eager children.

We are led to wonder what sort of December weather the Chinese enjoy when we read that for the Christmas celebration last year at Chaoyang our missionaries and their guests adjourned to the play ground to watch the pole-vault and high jump while they drank "pink tea."

Last year was the first time that the people of Kusudia, India, ever had a Christmas tree. The novelty attracted many Hindus to the mission who usually held aloof.

In Balasore at Christmas a huge tent is erected near the mission residence to accommodate the crowds of Hindus and Christians who gather to see the boys' presentation of the Bible story.

What would you think of playing Santa Claus five times in one day? That is the record of Mr. Moss of China during his first Christmas on the field. He disposed of a bagful of wash cloths and soap at the mission hospital, distributed safety pins and needles at the women's institute, delighted the school girls with dolls and the boys with jack-knives and then finished the day by passing out joke gifts to the missionaries.

At the Shaohsing hospital, China, os Christmas morning all the patients attended the Christmas service, even those who have to be taken into the hall on their beds.



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Prison reform is not restricted to the United States. At Kavali in South India the missionaries are effecting unusual results among the members of a tribe of hereditary criminals stationed by the government near the mission compound.

In the church organization among the islands of the Inland Sea of Japan, where the membership is distributed over 67 places, every member is in touch with the church and the church is in touch with every member. The young people have organized a society called "Light Seekers," which is affiliated with the National Christian Endeavor Society.

Lack of equipment has made it necessary for our workers in Hopo, China, to hold their mission school in a heathen temple of the city. Whenever a magistrate visits the place, the school must be dismissed to make room for him and his retinue. This is hardly conducive to discipline or concentrated study.

In May, 1915, an elderly Chin man near Pyinmana became interested in the Chin School at Thayetmyo, in consequence of the visit of T.ev. E. C. Condict to his village, and sent his grandson to the Mission school. In June, 1916, the grandfather was baptized and the grandson a few weeks later; these are the first fruits from our Chin village.

Since the departure on furlough of Mr. Cope in Nov., 1915, there has been no male missionary in the Chin Hills, but Mrs. Carson and Miss Whitehead have nobly held this outpost at Hakka, and send encouraging news. Since Jan. 1st, 1916, 47 converts have been baptized. A new school has been opened in a dense heathen district. A Christian young man, the only Christian in the district, welcomed 40 pupils on the opening of this school, which is under the patronage of an influential Chin chief, who has signed a written agreement to allow no persecution of those desiring to become Christians.

The mail delivery system in Japan is surprisingly complete. Every little farmhouse in the remotest mountain district has the mail brought to its door.

So strong an agency is the Sunday school in Japan that the Buddhists have begun to imitate it and are organizing Buddhist Sunday schools, a thing never heard of before.

One of the problems confronting the Assam missionaries is Sunday buying. All the markets are held on that day because the tea-garden coolies have leave only on The Christian converts recently Sunday. petitioned the local government to open a Wednesday market but their request was refused. The Christian community is growing, however, and will soon have to be reckoned with.

The Chinese at Changning are so favorable to our mission schools that they have offered funds sufficient to maintain a Middle school for 200 pupils if a foreign missionary director can be supplied. The only expense to the Society would be the salary of the director.

War prices on building materials have held up indefinitely the erection of several mission buildings at Kimpese, Africa, which have long been planned.

When Mrs. R. A. Thomson first opened her kindergarten in Kobe, the district in which she worked was so evil that she had to have police protection. Now the whole neighborhood is uplifted.

Rev. F. W. Steadman of Morioka, Japan, and six co-workers distributed last year 75,000 tracts and books.

Several of the Christian young men of Ikoko, Africa, are employed as telegraph operators in the various railway stations of the country. They learned telegraphy in the mission schools.

A tea planter of Assam has offered to pay the salary of a missionary to the Daphlas, a wild tribe in the Himalayan foothills, if any one can be found to undertake the work. This is an unusual offer but has not yet been accepted.

A company of missionaries, assembled at Kavali, India, for an Association meeting, were gathered at the supper table in the mission house when the coolie who was pulling the punkah stopped working and called out that a snake had fallen down in front of him from above the pulley where the rope passes through the wall. The

whole party went out, each with a stick in hand, and hunted everywhere but could find no trace of the snake and they were laughing at the punkah coolie and telling him that he had gone to sleep and dreamed about the snake when Mr. Stait made a sudden dive for the side of the door with his stick. He had discovered, half-way up the door frame, a very venomous baby snake, whose bite is said to be worse than that of the cobra - and that door frame was within six feet of the dinner table!

All the churches among the tea-garden laborers of Assam, except the station churches, are built and repaired by the native associations which also pay the pastor's salaries and support evangelists.

From the beginning of our mission work in Burma to the year 1900 - 87 years, 38,000 converts were baptized. Today there are 70,000 in all, so that in the last 16 years nearly as many have been won to Christ as in the 87 years preceding.

The cow is a peculiarly fortunate animal in India. It is by far a greater crime in the Hindu's opinion to kill one of her kind than to kill a man. Any Hindu who has a cow that he cannot take care of, may take her to an institution for the maintenance of cows and be assured that she will be well cared for the rest of her life and given a decent burial at her death. Such institutions are partly supported by the contents of collection boxes which hang in conspicuous places at many of the railroad stations and are labelled, "For the salvation of cows." If the women and children of the country were half so well treated, the race would improve speedily.

### FOREIGN MISSIONARY RECORD

ARRIVED

At Skaneateles, N.Y., Sept. 9, Rev. Walter C. Mason, from Tura, Assam, at Canandaigua, N.Y., Sept. 14, Miss Ella C Bond, from Tura, Assam.

SAILED 1916

From San Francisco, Oct. 24: Mrs. E. I. Upcraft, West China.

From New York, Oct. 28: Mrs. Thomas Hill, Lukunga, Africa: Dr. and Mrs. H. Ostrom, Utondo,

To Prof. and Mrs. C. E. Van Horn of Rangoon, Burma, a daughter, Gladys Elizabeth, Aug. 7, 1916. To Rev. and Mrs. Chas. H. Tilden, Sept. 2, 1916, a son, Charles Houghton, Jr.

To Rev. and Mrs. Walter E. Rodgers, July 6, 1916, at Utondo, a daughter, Mabel Ellen.

DIED

In Kobe, Japan, of infantile paralysis, John A. Foote, Jr., Oct. 11, 1916.



#### Home Mission Notes

The importance of the work of the home missionary pioneer cannot be overrated. A steady stream of youth flows from homes in the older regions of our country to possess the newer ones. The home missionary's service is one that is greatly needed. He undertakes, at the earliest possible moment, to supply the means of grace to those who have traveled far from the sound of the church bell. God bless the faithful followers of Christ who minister in His name and spirit on the wide plains and in the scattered villages of this Western country. The automobile is supplementing the pilgrim's staff and his successor's horse, but it only multiplies the distances and the calls of loving ministry.

At the September meeting of the Board of the Home Mission Society the Missionary Committee reported the appointment of seventy missionaries in twenty states, representing ten nationalities. The Church Edifice Committee reported assisting eighteen churches during the month; and the Education Committee, among other items, reported four Mexican students assisted while studying for the ministry in the United States.

The work of Rev. Juan McCarthy in Manzanilla, Cuba, is still prospering. It covers a large territory. Not long since he baptized six persons at Madia Luna, which is fourteen leagues up the Coast. His soldier son has been four times wounded but at last accounts was safe and well.

Baca County, Colorado, is larger than the States of Rhode Island and Connecticut combined. There is only one small church building in the county.

Among the many good things served to the delegates at the meeting of the State Convention held at Mountain Home, Idaho, was an able address by Dr. D. D. Proper, Church Extension Secretary of the Home Mission Society. Starting with a little historical information regarding the general work of the Society, he added some interesting facts about the gift and loan funds, emphasizing two wrongs to be righted - keeping a church back from building because of a few members unwilling to put money into remodeling a house, and going ahead and building beyond the means of the people. He closed with practical suggestions about building Sunday school rooms, instead of great big auditoriums without them, having regard for architectural appearance, etc. His speech cleared up many points not generally understood by the churches about the loan and gift funds and how they are managed, and received vigorous applause.

Michael Lodsin has been engaged in evangelistic work among the scattered Russian population in the vicinity of Edwardsville and Wilkesboro, Penn. Six converts were baptized as the result of his work, and a struggling missionary interest was so greatly strengthened that the Wyoming Association decided to employ a missionary and prosecute the work with vigor. Among those baptized were two husbands and wives.

The missionaries and evangelists of the Illinois Baptist State Convention this year have been doing particularly good constructive work. Three of the churches that have been aided for many years have become self-supporting. Permanent trust funds have been gradually increasing until now they amount to more than \$50,000. This is of untold help to the regular work of the Convention. The University Church is in process of construction in Champaign and it is expected that it will be completed shortly. This will be a fully equipped, modern building, well adapted to the purposes of a College church, with comfortable parsonage adjoining.

Rev. C. H. Leggett, newly appointed missionary pastor at Lemmon, South Dakota, found his first months on his field very busy ones. When he began work in June he found no church, no Sunday school, indeed, no religious service of any kind: and the little handful of scattered and poor Christians was badly discouraged. His letter dated Sept. 29th tells of a Sunday school established with attendance as high as 42, and growing; church services well attended; prayermeetings faithfully kept up. He preaches on the street frequently and is reaching in this way the men of the town. Calls are sent to him from all directions for country meetings, more than he can meet.

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### Suggestions For Christmas Giving

Good friends, attention! In addition to regular benevolences some of you plan an extra Christmas offering, and some of you are wondering for whom or what it shall be. Let us help you decide. One missionary among the Blanket Indians asks for a good wall-map of the Holy Land, showing the travels of Jesus: a good second-hand Underwood typewriter; and an individual communion set for eighty communicants; another, who visits all the Indian tribes in Oklahoma where the Society has stations, wishes a good kodak that he may take pictures for our magazine and other denominational publications.

But perhaps the greatest want of all is for some \$300 to aid the Kiowas erect their new church edifice, toward which they have now about \$1,700 - money raised by themselves and accrued interest. A St. Paul architect is drawing the plans; a lady of that city has promised windows; the missionary in charge, however, will not permit the starting of the structure until at least \$2,000 is in the bank. The time seems very long to the Indians before that much-desired building shall become a reality; for it was in January, 1911, that they made their first deposit of \$200 for it. The present building, originally 20 x 30 feet and erected about 22 years ago; is entirely inadequate.

Now, if somebody, or many somebodies, would make up the required sum and surprise these Indians by the announcement at their Christmas celebration, what a joyous festival there would be in Oklahoma among our Kiowa brethren and their missionaries, our wellknown and much beloved Mr. and Mrs. Howard H. Clouse! When this devoted couple began their labors among these Blanket Indians, they little thought that in scarce more than two decades there would be a church eagerly and sacrificingly contributing toward an edifice for the worship of God. Those who wish to respond to any of these wants will please send word at once to the American Baptist Home Mission Society, 23 East 26th Street, New York .

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# The Vigorous Indian Commissioner in South Dakota

The oldest citizens of the Lower Brule Reservation say that Commissioner Sells is the second Commissioner of Indian Affairs to set foot on this reservation. A long time ago Commissioner Brown visited this Agency for a few hours. Commissioner Sells made a close inspection of the Agency and school, and drove more than a hundred miles visiting from house to house on the reservation. He shook hands with practically every Indian man. woman and child on the reservation, and came back the second time and met and talked and walked with nearly three thousand Sioux Indians from all parts of North and South Dakota. He covered more ground, met more people, went straight to the base of more business, and made more friends for the Indians among white people, and more friends for himself among the Sioux Indians, than any man who has visited South Dakota in many years. We most worked ourselves to death trying to keep up with him. We failed to keep up, and recommend any one desiring to practice the strenuous life to follow him for just one week. He is a human dynamo and his visit to this reservation has been an inspiration to each person here, be he Indian, employee, or school student. - Farmer and Stockman



# CHAPEL CAR. COLPORTER.



### Modern Sunday School Institutes of the Frontier

BY WILLIAM SLY JAMES, DENVER

The Educational Department of the American Baptist Publication Society, under the efficient management of Dr. W. E. Chalmers and his growing corps of Sunday School Directors in the various states of the Northern Baptist Convention, is contributing a service to our denominational life as yet only dimly recognized, in its provision for Sunday School and Church Efficiency Institutes by its directors, conducted not only in large cities such as Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, or Los Angeles, with its inspiring faculty of instructors, but also in the small Sunday schools in villages and towns, on the prairies and frontiers of the west. When Baptist families, generally with a large number of children, find themselves in some isolated community, why should they not have as good advantages in religious education as those who live in the large centers? The mission of the Publication Society, through its faithful colporters, is to bring to these remote regions the same books, periodicals, literary and other equipment, and through its Sunday-school directors the same methods and inspiration for their work as come to Baptists living in large cities. Why should these who dwell in the new sections not have these privileges for their children? Surely the best is none too good for a Baptist wherever he dwells. The child anywhere has an inalienable right to his mental. moral and spiritual inheritance. And this is provided by the Publication Society and its workers.

Recently, at the request of State Secretary J. F. Blodget of Wyoming, Sundayschool Institutes were organized by Rev. L. G. Clark, Director for Montana and Northern Wyoming, and Rev. William J. Sly, Director for Colorado and Southern Wyoming, in what is known as the Big Horn Basin in North Central Wyoming.

After the Big Horn Baptist Association. which met at Neiber in August, to which they were invited to make addresses, the two Sunday School Directors made a team-tour of the whole Basin, holding successful and enthusiastic Institutes at each place where there was a Baptist Sunday school - Powell, Lovell, Kane, Basin, Manderson, Greybull, Shell. Burlington, Worland, Thermopolis, Lander and Riverton. In these twelve Institutes 155 persons took notes on the lectures given and received certificates with credits towards a Teacher Training Course. In each Institute a dean or secretary was elected, generally a young woman of enterprise. A "monitor" also was chosen, usually a sturdy, good-natured brother whose duty it was to call a speaker down at the expiration of his time -a feature of the Institute that makes for efficiency. In afternoon and evening periods of from one to three hours for one or more days such subjects as the following were treated: Missions in the Sunday School, Teaching Principles, Qualifications of Teachers, Preparing and Presenting a Lesson, Cradle Roll and Home Department, Teaching Through Stories, The Child's Right to Play, Special Days, Finding Teachers, Management, Worship, Increasing the Sunday School, Training for Leadership. In most cases the pastor and his wife and the superintendent and his wife took all the lectures and received honor in the graduating exercises which in each case closed the Institute. Almost invariably there was some spectacular feature in the presentation of certificates as the successful students stood in line on the platform to receive congratulations and instructions for further training. At Shell, Mr. D. M. Maxson, aged 81 years, stood with his daughter and grandson. At Kane, Mr. W. J. Neeley, aged 75, stood beside his daughter and granddaughter. At Basin, Pastor J. L. Taylor, his wife and two daughters, Esma and Mabel, stood side by

side. At Greybull, Pastor Hopton, his wife and two daughters, Merle and Roberta, stood together. At Thermopolis, Pastor W. H. F. Jones and his wife were joined by the pastor of the Methodist Church, who had attended all the lectures and taken notes. At Lander, Supt. A. A. Akins and his wife stood side by side, and between Pastor F. A. Clarke of the Baptist Church and the rector of the Episcopal Church stood William Clarke, a boy of ten, who will never forget that evening.

A similar team-tour of Institutes was made by Director T. M. Gurley of Kansas and the Colorado Director in Southwestern Kansas and Baca County, Colorado, last June. Ten remote points were visited with similar lectures and forty-five persons received certificates. By such means boys and girls and young men and young women are receiving instruction and training that will make them the leaders in the Sunday schools and churches of tomorrow.

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### Among the New Books

The South Today, by Dr. John M. Moore of Nashville, Secretary of a Southern Home Mission Board, gives an admirable and impartial statement of conditions in the South. The spirit of the author is fair and candid. Proud as he is of his native section, he will not admit that the South is to be considered in any sense a country apart, but as a component part not very different from the rest. The book is informing and ought to be read widely and studied as well in the North. What we need in order to eradicate sectionalism and provincialism is closer acquaintance and more accurate knowledge. The facts are not passed over or glossed over, and the work that Protestantism must do in the South is plainly stated. Dr. Moore is a discriminating student of moral and religious and social affairs, and has given to the Mission study courses a volume of positive value. (Missionary Education Movement; cloth 60 cents, paper 40 cents.)

Hogan and Hogan on the Five Year Program, by Charles A. McAlpine, is a clever dialect sketch by means of which the author manages to bring out in clear relief the points of the Five Year Program, as these might be supposed to impress themselves upon the Hogans. Those who enjoy dialect will enjoy the booklet, and those who read it, whether they enjoy it or not, will have something to think about. (Publication Society: price ten cents.)

Pilgrim Deeds and Duties is a little volume prepared in connection with the

Tercentenary Program which will be joyously celebrated by the Congregationalists, while all Christians will rejoice with them at the results that have come from the landing of the Pilgrims and Puritans on the New England shores. This work is a model of condensation and comprehensiveness, packing into 114 pages the outlines of a remarkable history. The treatment is singularly good, since it is one of the most difficult of tasks to compress such a mass of facts and still preserve readableness. It is none too early to get ready for 1920, and good will come to all denominations from a study of the growth of our American life — social, political and religious. This is a day when the best of Puritanism needs greatly to find increase again in all parts of our country, and particularly in New England, where the true American ideals are in danger of submersion. (Pilgrim Press: illustrated with portraits; cloth, 35 cents, paper 25 cents.)

In the Land of Ararat, by John Otis Barrows. Life of a missionary daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Freeman Barrows Ussher of Turkey, who literally gave her life to relieve war sufferers, and is portrayed tenderly by her father in an unusual volume. These are the wives of missionaries who influence the woman life of nations. (Fleming H. Revell Co.; \$1 net; illustrated.)

The Gateway to China, by Mary Ninde Gamewell. Shanghai strikingly described in a missionary book of the most interesting and helpful kind. (Fleming H. Revell Co. Illustrated. \$1.50 net. Fine book for Christmas present.)

## MISSIONS' SCHOOL OF METHODS

### WAYS OF WORKING THAT HAVE BEEN FOUND EFFECTIVE

Who Says Reports Are Dull?

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BLOOMFIELD, NEW JERSEY

The Financial Department of the Woman's Missionary Society, which for tonight we will designate as the Baptist Missionary Rapid Transit Company of Bloomfield, N. J., through the efficiency of a faithful crew - engineer, firemen, etc. (otherwise known as the finance committee), has maintained two regular lines of traffic during the year - one local, to the Home field - the other through train connecting with the Foreign parts.

The Treasurer has merely acted as conductor, taking up the fares and making reports to the Company.

The Road has only had 132 regular passengers for the year, although more could easily be accommodated.

Beginning June 23, 1915, the Company had a Home balance of \$29.23 and a Foreign balance of \$40.62 - enough to put in coal and start up steam.

Having gotten under way, the fares began to roll in, although not always as promptly as might be. These for the whole year amounted to \$127.83 for the Home, and \$207.61 for the Foreign.

Special cars were run whenever there was a call for them - the sum realized from these being \$29.60 for the Home and \$18.00 for the Foreign.

Excursion trains for Thankful people were run twice during the year - one for the Home which brought \$20.01, and one for the Foreign, \$84.36.

One car on the Foreign line was chartered by two ladies for the Oriental Building Association for the sum of \$10.

Conditions on this line were such that a special car was necessary for the Babies, which netted the Company \$25.

The total receipts for the year on the Home line were \$206.67, and on the Foreign line \$385.59, or a grand total of \$592.26.

Of this money, \$165 was sent the Home Society in Chicago, as our share in carrying on the Home work. But as there was still a deficit, the officials of our Road sent \$15 more, making \$180 in all and leaving a balance on hand in the Home Treasury of \$26.67.

Of the receipts of the Foreign line \$309 were sent on apportionment, \$10 for one share in Oriental Building Association, and \$25 to Dr. Degenring of India from our Babies, making a total of \$344, and leaving a balance in the Foreign treasury of \$41.59.

As every one knows, no good train service, or poor service either for that matter, can be operated without expense, and for this purpose the officials of the Road have "held up" the passengers once a month, in other words, have taken a collection (I have a suspicion that they are contemplating another "hold up" tonight, so if you value your pocketbooks, you would better make your escape while there

From these collections \$33.97 have been realized. Of this amount \$4 was spent for Time Tables (Topic Cards): 50 cents for Tickets (Offering envelopes); \$3 for Decorations (Flowers); \$3 for Dining Car Expenses; \$7.08 for coal, oil, lights, etc., miscellaneous, making a total expenditure of \$17.58 and leaving a balance on hand of \$16.39.

The total receipts for the year from all

sources were \$626.23, or an average of about \$4.74 per member.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. H. L. Rose, Treasurer.

(Conductor)



SOUTH PARK JUNIOR B. Y. P. U., LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

### A Model Program for Juniors

Recently our Junior Society at South Park Baptist Church, Los Angeles, gave a forty-five minute program at the Sunday evening service. (Rev. Geo. M. Lehigh, D.D., is pastor.)

For some months we have traveled in Missions "Around the World With Our Baptist Missionaries," visiting 152 stations, meeting missionaries and native converts, so real and so interesting, that now our Juniors speak in no uncertain notes of our Baptist missionaries by name.

We are looking forward to Mr. and Mrs. Clark's return; have been praying earnestly for Mr. Marsh in his scrrow; Nowgong seems so much nearer since Miss Long is at home; we do not forget Miss Crisenberry and the many others on the field. As Dr. Mabie sat with us in worship twice in the past few weeks, we Juniors think of and pray for Dr. Catharine Mabie; Dr. Mary Bachelor has many little friends among our number. . . . And so I might go on indefinitely.

Our program was given through the telephone which we had connected for the special evening. As the 'phone would ring, each Junior, knowing his turn, would answer the call, giving his part of the conversation in a way to clearly reveal what the imaginary party might be saying. As each child took his place at the 'phone, Mr. Young would direct the congregation by simply pointing to the station on the map (9 x 12 ft), which he had made for the study tour.

As an added attraction at the beginning of the study tour, we made real tickets containing stations that were to be head-quarters, as we took tours inland to the various stations. We had our ticket agent and conductor at every meeting and tickets were punched properly.

Our Juniors contribute regularly to the support of a native student whom we expect to be a mission worker. Pray for us that missionaries may be called of God from this Junior Society.

Mrs. N. J. Young, Supt.



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	Source of Income	Budget for 1916-1917	Receipts for 7 Months	Balance Required by March 31, 1917	Comparise 1915-16	on of Receipts with	Comparison of Receipts with Those of Last Year 915-16 1916-17	r Decrease
FOREIGN	unday Schools	\$487,844.00 246,862.00 16,325.00 90,500.00	\$130,111.47 17,871.21 9,245.12 89,921.68	\$357,732.53 228,990.79 7,079.88 578.32	\$113,833.12 29,052.23 —1,126.04 10,393.56	\$130,111.47 17,871.21 9,245.12 89,921.68	\$16,278.35 10,371.16 79,528.12	\$11,181.02
SOCIETY	Funds. Specific Gifts, etc.	66,250.00 81,828.00	33,288.75	32,961.25 47,256.21	24,084.09	33,288.75	9,204.66	
	Totals	\$989,609.00	\$315,010.02	\$674,598.98	\$209,669.45	\$315,010.02	\$116,521.59	\$11,181.02
HOME	Churches, Young People's Societies and Sunday Schools Individuals	\$313,078.76	\$75,278.86	\$237,799.90 120,014.65	\$65,981.39 2,644.10	\$75,278.86	\$9,297.47 2,341.25	49
MISSION	Income from Investments	87,500.00 6,200.00	55,960.19	31,539.81	43,357.54 2,965.90	55,960.19 4,736.32	12,602.65	
	Totals	\$647,876.76	\$218,943.79	\$428,932.97	\$146,052.51	\$218,943.79	\$72,891.28	69
PUBLICA-	Churches, Young People's So- cieties and Sunday Schools Individuals	\$118,752.00 30,863.00 10,000.00	\$47,633.59	\$71,118,41 18,154.96 10,000.00	\$45,511.47	\$47,633.59	\$2,122.12 6,090.69	49
SOCIETY	Bonds, Specific Gifts, etc	91,400.00	40,007.80	51,392.20	38,852,26	40,007.80	1,155.54	
	[Totals	\$251,015.00	\$100,349.43	\$150,665.57	\$90,981.08	\$100,349.43	\$9,368.35	
WOMANOW	s, Young Peop and Sunday Sch als	\$284,826.25 62,808.99 13,800.00	\$65,818.18 7,625.69 9,153.98	\$219,008.07 55,183.30 4,646.02	\$54,993.45 3,802.23 5,987.09	\$65,818.18 7,625.69 9,153.98	\$10,824.73 3,823.46 3,166.89	
FOREIGN	Gifts, etc	19,607.50	6,524.32	13,083.18	14,584.06	6,524.32	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	8,059.74
SOCIETY	Totals. Gifts for the deficit 1915–16	\$381,042.74	\$89,122.17	\$291,920.57	\$79,366.83	\$89,122.17	\$17,815.08	\$8,059.74
			\$97,521.66					
WOMAN'S	Churches, Young Peor cieties and Sunday Sc Individuals.	\$201,557.00 25,000.00 19,221.00	\$61,361.24 3,136.73 16,499.94	\$140,195.76 21,863.27 2,721.06	\$54,418.24 4,053.72 12,814.83	\$61,361.24 3,136.73 16,499.94	\$6,943.00	\$ 916.99
MISSION	Bonds, Specific Gifts, etc	19,222.00	*12,798.65	6,423.35	4,198.89	12,798.65	8,599.76	
	Totals \$265,00 (**Of this amount \$5,195.89 for1915-16 Deficit	\$265,000.00 16 Deficit	\$93,796.56	\$171,203.44	\$75,485.68	\$93,796.56	\$19,227.87	\$916.99

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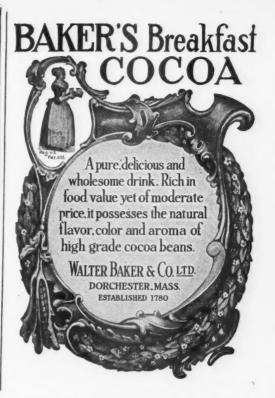
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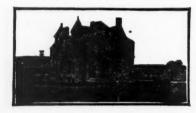
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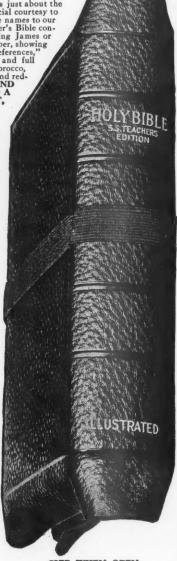
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